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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

SINCE the last meeting of the General Board our ranks have been invaded by the messenger of death. Rev. D. M. McLeod, D.D., of the South Carolina Conference, passed away on December 8, 1931. Dr. McLeod had been ill for some time, and his death was not unexpected. He was a man of deep piety and of great ability. He was keenly interested in the new program of Christian education, and during his years of service as a preacher of the gospel he made a large contribution to the advancing Kingdom of Christ. At a meeting of the Executive Committee held January 1, the Rev. J. Emerson Ford was nominated to succeed Dr. McLeod. He was elected by the General Board through correspondence, and at once entered upon this service.

On the morning of Tuesday, February 2, the Rev. Charles Dehaven Bulla, D.D., one of the Editorial Secretaries of our Board, passed to his reward. Dr. Bulla had rendered distinguished service over a long period of years, and came to the close of life without a single cloud in his sky. Finer than the service rendered was the gracious and Christlike personality which had come to him as the result of years of fellowship with the Master. Funeral services were held at McKendree Church, and interment took place in the city of Baltimore. Suitable resolutions will be presented for the consideration of the Board. The work which was done by Dr. Bulla has been distributed among other members of the Staff, and no one will be nominated to take his place.

As a result of the removal of Dr. D. R. Anderson from

the Virginia to the South Georgia Conference, a vacancy was made in the membership of the Board, and this vacancy was filled by the nomination and election of President R. E. Blackwell of Randolph-Macon College.

Methodism has always stood for the uniform development of body, mind, and soul. With this ideal it was inevitable that the Church should give itself definitely to a program of Christian education. The present hour in the history of the world is the hour of destiny for the Church and her service to men. We have long since learned that education without Christ is a curse. The late Henry Watterson said: "The paramount question underlying democracy is the religion of Jesus Christ. Eliminate Christ, and you leave the world to eternal war." Earl Haig said: "The Church of Christ is the world's only social hope and the sole promise of world-peace." Lloyd George has said: "Now it is either Christ or chaos; either the Kingdom of God or world-revolution." Bernard Shaw asks the question: "Why not give Christianity a trial? After contemplating the world of human nature for nearly sixty years I see no other way out of the world's misery but the way of doing Christ's will." Roger Babson, in an oft quoted but ever significant statement, has said: "The need of the hour is not more factories or materials, not more railroads or steamships, not more armies or navies; but, rather, more education based on the plain teaching of Jesus. We are willing to give our property and even our lives when our country calls in time of war, yet the call of Christian education is of even greater importance than was ever the call of army or navy. I say this because we shall probably never live to see America attacked from without, but we may at any time see our best institutions attacked from within. Yes, the safety of the nation, including all groups, depends on Christian education." President James, one-time President of the University of Illinois, said: "Education without religion is unnatural, abnormal, and dangerous. Our people ought to take our denominational institutions to heart and support them with a liberal generosity never before known." Dr. Edgar P. Hill, speaking before the Council of Church Boards in 1925, said: "It is certainly high time that our educators, who call themselves Christians, who are accustomed to orate with fervor on the vital importance of Christian education and to plead with consecrated laymen for funds with which to promote a Christian educational program, should make the discovery that the Christian religion has something definite, authoritative, and distinctive to say concerning God and Christ, and sin and salvation, and prayer and right living, and the future of life, and a certain book called the Bible. It is this sort

of thing that we should be trying with desperate earnestness to get into the minds and hearts of our young people in connection with their education, or else cease making such an ado over the supreme importance of Christian education." The General Conference in 1918 made this prophetic statement: "The present war will be quickly followed by a far more titanic and fateful struggle, a contest for the spiritual supremacy of Christ in the life of the world. Success in the second war will depend largely upon America and more particularly upon her Christian colleges and universities."

If our fathers were tremendously concerned lest men should die without Christ, we must be even more concerned lest men should undertake to live without Christ. It is to this supreme task of seeking to make education thoroughly Christian that the work of this Board has been enterprised, and it is to this task that all of our agencies and institutions have been consecrated. We believe that our institutions are true to the spirit and purpose of their founder and that they are rendering a Christlike service in the training of a Christian leadership.

OUR OBJECTIVES

It is probably wise that we should again emphasize the objectives which should be kept before us in carrying out the legislation enacted by the General Conference at Dallas. We are to keep before us the total task of the Church in Christian education. First of all, we are to bear in mind that the program of Christian education must make provision for every man, woman, and child for whom the Church is responsible. This is a broader concept than that which makes us responsible only for our membership. Each local congregation should make a survey and accept responsibility for all of the people within its territory. In the second place, there must be the closest co-operation between our schools, colleges, and universities and the work of the local church. They are dependent one upon the other. Only thus can we realize the finest and best results from our comprehensive program of Christian education. For this reason it is important that we should maintain a capable staff not only in the General Board but in the work of the Conference organization. Our program is not one of propaganda. It is one that involves the slow and tedious process of education. The Annual Conference Board and its staff of workers is in most cases keenly alive to this situation. Let us maintain our workers throughout the connection, and where it is impossible to continue full-time representatives the Annual Conference Board should draft for service on a voluntary basis the finest and best leader-

ship that is available. Ignorance is expensive. Christian education at any cost is cheap. Let us believe that the materialism of this present age, the false philosophy and psychology that disturbs the minds of our people, and the strong tendency toward lawlessness may all be overcome by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We must interpret our present-day material resources in the light of spiritual values. Only thus can civilization be stabilized and the world redeemed.

PROGRESS

Since the meeting of the Board in April of 1931 great progress has been made, and the results are altogether gratifying. We do not claim that the final word has been spoken in the legislation enacted by the General Conference. Already we have discovered points of weakness and possible improvements in our unified program. Under this new plan the local church is given the place of supreme responsibility. The Conference Boards and the workers in our several Annual Conferences have given splendid co-operation to the General Board, and as a result Local Church Boards of Christian Education are being rapidly organized in all of our churches and closer relationships are being developed between the local church and the Christian college.

The meeting of the Board in 1930 was one of *organization;* that of 1931 was one of *adaptation.* The session of 1932 should be one of definite *promotion.* We have passed the period of experimentation. From now on we must speak with certitude and set forth with definiteness, as well as conviction, this great program of the Church.

The relationship existing among the General Boards is altogether satisfactory. The Committee on Co-operation and Counsel, composed of members of the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Missions, has reached an agreement on all points of difference and is working together with one great objective in view. One evidence of this spirit of co-operation is that Rev. Hiram K. King has, during the year, been sent out to the Orient, where he becomes joint Secretary of Christian Education, representing these two Boards. This is a duly authorized service and is in harmony with an agreement reached many months ago between the two Boards. He goes out to lead the Orient in a new program of Christian education, and in this effort will have the hearty co-operation of our aggressive leader, Bishop Paul B. Kern. A recent letter from Bishop Kern carries the following statement: "I have read with much interest the program and proceedings of the General Council. It appears at this distance that you are making commendable headway in the actual welding of the educational

forces into one body. It is encouraging to note how the sober second thought of the Church confirms the action taken at Dallas. I regret that I shall not be able to be present at the annual Board meeting, but my duties seem to keep me here."

Our Board is working in hearty co-operation and sympathy with the General Conference Commission on Benevolences. In a similar manner we are moving forward in close co-operation with all of the Boards and interests of our Church.

The General Staff in Nashville has given itself without reservation to carrying forward the various interests of the Board. We have had the finest and most intelligent co-operation from our Executive Secretaries and other Conference officers throughout the connection. Education is a slow and painful process, but, with the continued efficient co-operation of the leadership of the Church, we feel sure that this quadrennium will witness the most remarkable advance in the educational program of the Church that Southern Methodism has yet seen.

GENERAL STATEMENT

In view of the fact that each Departmental Secretary will submit a report covering the work of his department, it is deemed unnecessary that the General Secretary should go into details in the discussion of departmental work. There are certain items, however, which seem to emerge from the general program and are deserving of special consideration. I am, therefore, calling attention briefly to a few high points in the work of each department. Since the organization of the Board under the new legislation the Executive Staff has worked in perfect harmony. I wish to express my appreciation of the earnest, sacrificial, and whole-hearted co-operation given to the work of the Board by the Departmental Secretaries and all of the officials of the General Staff.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

In view of the world-wide depression it is hardly necessary to say that we have given the most careful and painstaking attention to our financial condition. Several months ago the Staff, in regular session, agreed that every effort should be made to come to the end of this quadrennium without a deficit in any department of the Board. In 1929-30 the three Boards involved in this merger expended the sum of $387,897. The annual budget adopted in April, 1931, was $323,540. This is $63,000 less than the amount expended by the three old Boards in 1929-30, and of the

$63,000 reduction, $35,000 was in salaries. A further drastic reduction of $38,000 was made necessary by reason of the decreased amount paid on apportionments and the Kingdom Extension Offering. The budget under which the Board is now operating, therefore, is $101,000 less than the three old Boards expended in 1929-30. The members of the General Staff, realizing the serious difficulties involved in carrying out our program, have made voluntary contributions to the work of the Board amounting to more than $8,000.

This radical reduction in budget has resulted in a tremendous loss in service to the Church. Many items that should be regarded as necessary have been eliminated from the Church program. Courses offered in Summer Leadership Schools and in Standard Training Schools have been reduced. The field service has been greatly reduced because of a reduction in personnel. Drastic reductions in appropriations to Wesley Foundations, Departments of Religion, and schools and colleges have been made. Our two theological schools will receive less than $50,000 out of an apportionment of $130,000 from both the Benevolences and Kingdom Extension offering. Thus the entire program of Christian education has been seriously curtailed.

From September 1, 1930, to March 31, 1931, the Service Department sent out 884,822 pieces of literature. During the period April 1, 1931, to February 29, 1932, we sent out 1,176,714 pieces of literature, or a total of 2,061,536 since September 1, 1930. Ten thousand copies of the Christian education binders have been printed.

The Publishing Agents have given to our Board most loyal and sympathetic co-operation. In collaboration with the *Editorial Department,* a pamphlet has been issued giving practical instructions covering the ordering and distribution of our literature. The combination periodicals, the *Epworth Highroad* and the *Church School Magazine,* have met with the immediate and whole-hearted approval of our people. The *Epworth Highroad* has a paid circulation of approximately 112,000. The sixteen periodicals formerly published by the Board have been reduced to fourteen, thus effecting a potential saving of at least $50,000 a year to the local Churches of our denomination. However, better materials are being supplied to our readers than ever before. The articles on general topics in the various publications of the Board are creating a conscience and helping to mold public opinion with regard to Prohibition; Race Relations; Labor and Capital; Marriage, Divorce, and the Home; Disarmament and World-Peace. Ours is the first denomination to make available without cost to its constituency an elective course dealing with the liquor problem. In addition to

the heavy duties of his department, Dr. Bowen has edited the Kingdom Extension Book, *Methodism and World Need.*

The work in the Department of the *Local Church* has gone forward with remarkable success. Leaflets suggesting methods of procedure and organization for the Children's Division, the Young People's Division, and the Adult Division have been widely distributed. The objectives in this department—namely, the organization of the Local Church Board in every congregation, special emphasis upon the Home and Foreign Extension Offering, and reaching the unreached, or a definite evangelistic program, have been carried forward throughout the connection. Christian education has no controversy with evangelism. They are wings of the same bird; one without the other is inadequate.

There is a closer co-operation between the denominational college and local church. The Local Church Department is promoting a quarterly program of Christian education, is co-operating in the observance of College Day and Student Day, and is contributing special articles dealing with the work of the college to our periodicals, and is emphasizing the place of the Christian college in all of the meetings, institutes, schools, and assemblies of the Church. College presidents and professors are assisting in carrying out the program of Christian education in the local church. For the first time our colleges have an open door to the local congregation.

The young people's work has been unified. The interest and enthusiasm on the part of the young life of our Church was never greater, and the response which has already been made is altogether reassuring. More Epworth Leagues were organized in the Tennessee Conference in 1931 than in any year of its history. The Summer Assemblies are making a larger appeal to our young life. The younger adults are being given special attention, and we believe that this strong group of our young people will render an increasing service to the Church. The Training Courses have been simplified. Under the old Sunday School Board there were five regular courses and twelve different awards. Under the unified plan adequate courses are offered, but only two diplomas are issued. The Cokesbury Course for Small Churches is being continued on a simplified basis with lower requirements for credit and cheaper textbooks. Thus it is made available to a larger number of our small churches. We wish to record our appreciation of the large number of volunteer workers who are rendering splendid service in the various Conferences of the Church. Leading pastors and educators throughout the connection are co-operating in the work of our Training Schools and Pastors' Schools. This service is highly ap-

preciated and is most significant. In every case these leaders have been glad to conform to the educational requirements of the Board, and in this way have helped to stabilize and make more efficient the entire educational program of the Church. This department has contributed 81 hours of teaching service to Scarritt College.

The Department of *Schools and Colleges* finds itself intricately associated with the Editorial Department and the Department of the Local Church. Through College Day, which is celebrated the fifth Sunday in May, we bring to the attention of our people the importance of supporting our institutions of learning and giving to them a larger place in their sympathy and co-operation. On Student Day the local pastor has the opportunity of using the students home from college to present the claims of our Church institutions and with pennants and pageants emphasize the place of the Christian college in our great scheme of civilization. We believe with President Hoover that "the small liberal arts college is the seedbed of our leadership."

It is evident that the Church-related college in America is in *a period of transition.* The number of colleges must be reduced, and the resources of those colleges which are continued must be strengthened. Commissions have been appointed in various states and are making a restudy of our whole educational system with the view of merging certain of our institutions of learning and giving larger support to those which are strategically located and deserve to live. The Board co-operates fully with all of these Commissions.

This Board renders a large service to the Wesley Foundations established in state and independent institutions and to Departments of Religion in our own institutions of learning. During the past summer thirteen Pastors' Schools were held with a total attendance of 1,623, and 2,158 credits were awarded. Our *Christian Education Magazine,* representing the work of this department, is sent to the pastors, laymen, and college officials of the Church. A recent letter from the Board Secretary of one of the great Churches of America said: "The March number of your *Christian Education Magazine* is a wonderful number. I am writing to ask if it is too late to get a few reprints of the article by Dr. R. Ira Barnett, 'The Distinct Service Which the Church College Must Render.' I would like so much to have a hundred copies of that, and will be delighted to send a check immediately on receipt of bill." In this periodical we are presenting the work of our various institutions of learning and seeking thus to emphasize the place of the Christian college. This department is also using space in the *Missionary Voice* and in a number of our

Advocates throughout the connection. Campus News has been continued and serves as a clearing house for our colleges and seeks to present those items of interest which are of greatest importance. As a result of the economies which have been effected, the apportionment for publicity has been reduced to one-half what it was two years ago.

THE LARGER RELATION

The Ecumenical Conference of Methodism was held in Atlanta in October, 1931. This Conference brought together representative leaders from the various branches of Methodism throughout the world. It was regarded as the greatest Conference of Methodists which has ever been held. In this Conference emphasis was given to the importance of Christian education, and a number of papers made reference both directly and indirectly to this great interest of the Church. The proceedings of this Conference were issued by our Publishing House on March 15. We trust that the publication will have a wide circulation. We are co-operating in plans looking to the observance of the Sesqui-Centennial celebration of the founding of American Methodism. Our Board seeks also to work in close co-operation with the International Council of Religious Education, the Council of Church Boards, and the Liberal Arts College Movement. We urge our colleges to affiliate with the Association of American Colleges and to meet the requirements of the Regional Standardizing Association which has jurisdiction over them. Twenty-three of our institutions hold membership in the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States, and eleven are recognized by the Association of American Universities. In all of these relations it is our purpose to maintain the integrity and independence of our own work and to promote Christian education as we understand it. We would call especial attention to the place and importance of Mount Sequoyah and Lake Junaluska, as great educational agencies of our Church. These institutions deserve and should receive the support of our people.

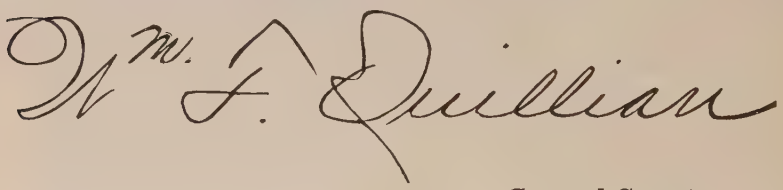
CHURCH-WIDE CO-OPERATION

In addition to the central staff and the Conference officers, we have some 1,500 teachers and leaders in our Training Schools, Pastors' Schools, and other agencies. We have 1,748 teachers and officials in our schools, colleges, and universities. We have 172,365 teachers and officials standing before our people Sunday by Sunday teaching them the way of life. Our 7,000 pastors are teachers, and they, too, are instructing our people in the things that make for the stabilizing of our civilization. The Board of Chris-

tian Education not only covers the whole Church, but reaches out into every foreign field, and is seeking to render a constructive service in the development of our people. The high commission of the Christ is that we should "go and teach all nations, making of them disciples."

It is my conviction that Christian Education is the way out of the tragic and pressing problems which confront the world. Begun in the home, continued through the Church and the Christian college this type of training will develop a generation of Christ-like leaders. The disciples of the twentieth century must live with the Master, they must go with Him to the Mount of Transfiguration so that they may come down to the plains of human service radiant with the light and glory of his presence. They must dare to believe and to practice the great principles of his Kingdom. He alone can bring us to that time when good-will shall girdle the globe and peace shall be the portion of every people.

Respectfully submitted.



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Annual Report of the Secretary, Editorial Department

To the General Secretary and Members of the General Board of Christian Education:

DR. CHARLES D. BULLA

On Tuesday, February 2, 1932, Dr. Charles D. Bulla, Associate in the Editorial Department, went to his reward. In his going the Department suffers a grievous loss. The following resolutions have been passed by the Committee on Curriculum and Program:

"WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Dehaven Bulla has rendered conspicuous service for twenty years in connection with the program of religious education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and whereas, during this long period of activity, Dr. Bulla has distinguished himself as a far-sighted, diligent, and devoted leader; and whereas, in his work as a Sunday school field worker, as a pioneer Southern Methodist in the Far West, as the first leader of the Adult Wesley Bible Class Movement, and as an editor of Church school publications, he won hundreds of friends by his winsome and radiant life; and whereas, in the providence of God he has been called from his earthly labors to the heavenly home; therefore be it

"*Resolved:* 1. That we, the Staff of the General Board of Christian Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have suffered a great loss in the passing of our comrade and co-worker. The large place which he made for himself in our group can never be filled.

"2. That in our opinion Dr. Bulla's large contribution to the work of Christian education has abiding value which will protect it against the erasing inroads of the years. He has not labored in vain. His treasure has been laid up in storehouses beyond the reach of time's corrosive power.

"3. That his long and devoted service to the cause of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, merits the highest praise. Any Church is to be congratulated which can thus enlist the whole-hearted loyalty of so noble a soul.

"4. That we share genuinely in the sorrow of the family which has been torn and bereaved by his death. We assure them of our sympathy and point them to the Comforter with whom our departed friend was so well acquainted.

"5. That copies of these resolutions be read to the General Board of Christian Education at its next meeting as an expression of our sorrow and sense of loss."

WILLIAM F. QUILLIAN,
J. Q. SCHISLER,
W. M. ALEXANDER,
C. A. BOWEN.

DUTIES REASSIGNED

Because of the need for strict economy in the operation of the Editorial Department, no one has been chosen to fill the place left vacant by the death of Dr. Bulla. The duties formerly carried on by him have been divided among the present members of the Editorial Staff. The *Adult Student* has been placed in charge of Dr. H. C. Sprinkle, Jr., and the *Home Quarterly* in charge of Dr. F. S. Parker. Other members of the Staff have also accepted extra assignments. Miss Juanita Brown has been added to the Staff as Editorial Assistant to Rev. O. L. Simpson.

CHANGES IN PERIODICALS

In our last report to the General Board the periodical literature was described in some detail. Beginning with January, 1932, the number of our periodicals was reduced from sixteen to fourteen by the combination of the *Workers' Council* and the *Sunday School Magazine* into the *Church School Magazine,* and by the publication of the *Epworth Highroad* in place of the *Epworth Era* and the *High Road.* This combination has already resulted in considerable saving on the part of the local churches. It is estimated that when our co-workers in the field come to understand better how to order and use the materials that this saving may amount to $100,000 a year to the local churches of the denomination. It is not necessary to comment at any length on the various other changes which have been made in the interest of economy, simplicity, and efficiency. The periodicals have been reaching the Board members regularly, and these changes have doubtless been noted. In general, the purpose of the Editorial Department has been to provide two high-grade periodicals for teachers in the *Elementary Teacher* and the *Church School Magazine;* a well-balanced religious youth journal in the *Epworth Highroad;* story papers close to the interests of primaries and juniors in *Boys and Girls;* periodicals containing fiction and other cultural material for intermediates in the *Haversack* and the *Torchbearer;* a worthy magazine for parents and teachers of younger children in *Childhood Guidance in Christian Living;* a publication for adult home

members in the *Home Quarterly;* and lesson periodicals worthy of our fine constituency in *Our Little People, Junior Lessons,* the *Methodist Intermediate Quarterly,* the *Methodist Senior Quarterly,* the *Adult Student,* and the *Methodist Lesson Leaf.*

During the closing months of 1931 a descriptive booklet was issued entitled *Church School Literature: Its Proper Use and How to Order It.* Approximately 70,000 copies were sent to presiding elders, pastors, and Sunday school superintendents and distributed through the various Conference organizations. Later reports from the field indicated that the wide circulation of this booklet had prepared effectively for the important changes which soon took place in our literature. The cordial reception which was accorded the new periodicals and the changes in the old periodicals may be placed largely to the credit of the fine work done by our Conference workers and the members of the General Board Staff in distributing and interpreting this booklet in the field.

CIRCULATION

In our last report to the Board the circulation of the Church School Closely Graded Courses was estimated. It is quite difficult to find out with any exactness the extent of the use of these courses by our schools. They are issued in permanent form, and much of the same material is used year after year.

It is possible, however, to get more or less exact figures covering the circulation of the periodicals. Comparative figures of March and the first quarter of 1931 with March and the first quarter of 1932 covering the circulation of these periodicals follow:

	March and First Quarter 1931	March and First Quarter 1932	Gain	Loss	Per Cent
Workers' Council	19,880	.....	.....	19,880	.....
Sunday School Magazine	84,088	.....	.....	84,088	.....
Epworth Era	37,900	.....	.....	37,900	.....
High Road	57,800	.....	.....	57,800	.....
Church School Magazine	.....	74,216	74,216	.....	.....
Epworth Highroad	.....	100,400	100,400	.....	.....
Elementary Teacher	25,688	26,052	364	.....	1.42
Adult Student	268,046	255,873	.....	12,173	4.56
Home Quarterly	56,858	50,333	.....	6,525	10.47
Methodist Senior Quarterly	304,583	313,297	8,714	.....	2.86
Methodist Intermediate Quarterly	153,667	146,837	.....	6,830	4.44
Junior Lessons	142,056	139,510	.....	2,546	1.79
Our Little People	90,767	88,250	.....	2,517	2.77
Childhood Guidance in Christian Living	3,588	3,900	312	.....	8.69
Haversack	85,976	74,300	.....	11,676	13.58
Torchbearer	66,370	57,000	.....	9,376	14.11
Boys and Girls	60,133	70,600	10,476	.....	17.42
Methodist Lesson Leaf	80,808	79,500	.....	1,308	1.62
Olivet Picture Cards	54,070	54,150	80	.....	.15
Bible Lesson Pictures	1,634	1,420	.....	214	13.09
Pupil Lesson Stories	850	871	21	.....	2.47
Total Circulation, Periodicals	1,549,762	1,536,509	194,583	252,833	....

Net Loss—58,250

The total loss of circulation indicated in the table above is 58,250. Such a slight decrease in sales is very remarkable when the difficult times through which we are passing are taken into consideration. This factor has had a direct bearing upon the volume of the sales of our materials. Though the number of orders sent in is about the same as a year ago, the amount of supplies ordered has been decreased.

Distinct gains have been registered in five of the periodicals. The *Epworth Highroad* begins its career with a circulation larger by 4,000 than the combined circulation of the *Epworth Era* and the *High Road* of one year ago. This is one of the many indications of the enthusiastic reception which has been accorded this new religious journal for youth. *Boys and Girls* registers the largest percentage of gain (17.42 per cent). This is a peculiarly striking development in the light of the fact that this periodical has been doubled in size and is being sold at a slight increase in price. The *Elementary Teacher* shows a small gain. This is a source of encouragement. However, the *Elementary Teacher* should have at least 60,000 officers and teachers in the children's divisions of our local churches on its

subscription list. *Childhood Guidance* shows an increase of 8.69 per cent. This quarterly, intended primarily for parents and teachers of young children, is gradually gaining the favor of our people. Its circulation should continue to increase until it has at least 10,000 subscribers. The *Senior Quarterly* leads in total circulation with 313,297 subscribers, a gain of 8,714 for the year just closed.

Losses have been sustained by nine of our publications. The decrease in the circulation of the *Adult Student* indicates that the young people formerly using this periodical have begun to study the Senior Group Lessons which appear in the *Epworth Highroad.* The losses registered against the *Haversack* and the *Torchbearer* are explained partly by the gain made by *Boys and Girls,* which now goes to primary and junior pupils, and partly by the tendency to cut down literature orders at the point of story paper supplies. The *Church School Magazine* has a smaller circulation than the old *Sunday School Magazine.* This may be due to the fact that fewer adult classes are finding it valuable to use this periodical intended for officers and teachers in the young people's and adult divisions of the local church. The fact that gains have been registered by five of the fourteen periodicals issued by our Board affords ground for encouragement. Were it not for the fine cooperation of our co-workers in the Conference organization and in the local churches, this time of depression might have caused our periodicals to show a distressing loss in circulation all along the line.

SENIOR GROUP LESSONS

Beginning with January, 1932, Senior Group Lessons were issued for use by seniors and young people in the local church. With this improvement in our lesson materials the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, takes the lead over all other denominations in the matter of the appropriate grading of materials to the needs of the various age groups. At present Closely Graded Lessons and Group Graded Lessons are used in our schools through the young people's department. International Uniform Lessons are provided for adults. In cases where the progress of the local Church is somewhat retarded, International Uniform Lessons are available also for use by seniors and young people.

TEMPERANCE MATERIAL

Due to the fact that 1932 is an election year, the periodicals issued by your Board have given temperance material an important place in their columns. In addition to the

elective courses on "The Liquor Problem" mentioned later, temperance lessons have been made a part of the lesson materials. Editorials, special articles, reviews of the latest books on prohibition, and short stories have emphasized the claims which prohibition has on the thinking and the loyalty of modern Christians.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

The *Adult Student* is becoming more and more closely associated with the adult program of the Department of the Local Church. One important feature of that program has to do with the needs of younger adults who have been actively associated with the work of the Epworth League before the new legislation went into effect. "Adult Fellowship Programs" are being supplied through the columns of the *Adult Student* so that these young adults may have guidance in making their contribution to the work of the local church. These programs are so arranged that they may be used either in Sunday evening meetings or at the mid-week prayer meeting. In circuit situations they may furnish the basis for services held at the regular preaching hour on Sunday in the absence of the pastor. The fine possibilities of work with the younger adults in the Church have led those members of the General Board Staff most intimately concerned to give this matter considerable attention.

CAMPAIGN TO REACH THE UNREACHED

The periodicals have been giving publicity to the campaign "to reach the unreached" projected during 1932 by the General Board. Those in charge of this campaign have been given free access to our columns for the carrying out of their plans.

PERMANENT BINDING OF PERIODICALS

The Editorial Department is seeking to interest local churches in regard to building up Church school libraries by preserving in permanent form the periodicals of the Board. The Publishers are now supplying local churches with loose leaf binders for such use.

MISSIONARY EMPHASIS

In all publications of the General Board emphasis is being placed upon the missionary purpose and program of the Church. Plans have been worked out by means of which in expanded sessions of the Church school the Group Lessons and the Church School Closely Graded Courses can be used in the teaching of missions. Much of our vacation

material is missionary in character. An elective course for adults, entitled "The Meaning of Missions," is to be released in the *Adult Student* and the *Church School Magazine* during the fourth quarter of 1932. Programs, articles, poems, fiction, and other features of our various periodicals add to the emphasis upon missionary education furnished by our literature.

EPWORTH HIGHROAD IN COLLEGES

The Secretary of the Editorial Department has made arrangements for supplying the *Epworth Highroad* regularly to all the colleges and universities of the South attended by Methodist students. The cost of making the *Epworth Highroad* thus available to our young people in these institutions is being borne by the General Board and the Methodist Publishing House.

PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL DAYS

During the past twelve months the Editorial Department has prepared for publication the following programs:

1. For use on Young People's Day, "Hail to Youth," by Helen T. Connally.
2. For use on Sunday School Day, "The Good Shepherd," by Rebecca Caudill Ayars.

In addition to the foregoing programs issued in booklet form and sold by the Methodist Publishing House, the periodicals carry continually worship programs for use in the Sunday school and Epworth League meetings and other program material for use in observing the special days listed on the calendar of the General Board of Christian Education.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Beginning with the first quarter of 1932, elective courses for use with young people and adults have been published in the *Adult Student* and in the *Church School Magazine*. The three courses listed for 1932 are:

1. *The Liquor Problem,* by R. E. Smith.
2. *Parents as Teachers of Christian Living,* by Helen C. and Goodrich C. White.
3. *The Meaning of Missions,* by Ina C. Brown.

Separately published elective courses for seniors, young people, and adults have been selected by the Committee on Curriculum and Program for use in situations where they meet a particular demand.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLOSELY GRADED COURSES

New material has been prepared and substituted for Course IV, Parts 1 and 2. This material is now being

used by our local churches. *Parents' Guides* for use in connection with these Parts have also been prepared.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL COURSES

The Editorial Department, in co-operation with the Department of the Local Church, has been giving special attention to the creation of Vacation Church School Courses which meet the particular needs of our local situations. This material has come out of actual experience in vacation schools conducted by our denominational workers. The following courses have been issued:

PRIMARY

Unit 1. *Finding Out Where We Get Our Food,* Marie McDonald.
Unit 2. *Shepherd Life of Bible Lands,* Marie McDonald.
Unit 3. *Children of One Father,* Juanita Ray Kent.

JUNIOR

Unit 3. *How Nations Share,* Edith Kent Battle.

Other vacation courses for beginners and juniors are being used in mimeographed form.

THE UNION SCHOOL SITUATION

One of the major interests of the Editorial Department at present is the need of union Sunday schools within the territory occupied by our Church. For the most part these schools use lesson material prepared by independent, commercial publishers. Two alternatives present themselves:

1. The publication of inexpensive, denominational material to be supplied these union schools in such way as not to undercut the regular lesson materials.
2. The interdenominational publication of such material under an independent trade name.

The Editorial Secretary inclines to the first of these alternatives as the best solution to the problem. Much further study will be necessary, however, before definite plans may be made.

1932 STUDY BOOK

The General Conference Commission on Benevolences assigned the editing of the 1932 Study Book to the Editorial Department of your Board. This work was done in our offices without cost. The writing of the chapter on "Chris-

tian Education" was also done by the Secretary of the Editorial Department.

SESQUI-CENTENNIAL OF AMERICAN METHODISM

Since the year 1934 has been set apart as the time for celebrating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Methodism in America, the Editorial Department would ask for the approval of the Board upon certain tentative plans which are being worked out. These include special lesson courses for children, young people, and adults dealing with the history and significance of the Methodist movement in America and the doctrines of Methodism. Such plans also include the creation of dramatic materials, hymns, fiction, and special programs in line with this celebration. The Editorial Department has little interest in formally taking part in a celebration of this kind. However, out of such an observance may come certain most desirable outcomes, such as the adding of impetus to Methodism's evangelistic program, a revival of emphasis on joy and praise, the growth of a new spirit of loyalty to the Church, and the discovery of great pioneer work which challenges Methodists today. By securing the approval of the Board to these plans far enough in advance, it may be possible for the periodicals issued by your Board to make an important contribution to the bringing about of these outcomes.

CHANGE IN ORGANIZATION OF CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Since the last meeting of the General Board the Curriculum Committee has been enlarged into the Committee on Curriculum and Program. Its membership includes the Publishing Agents, the Executive Staff, and the Business Manager of the Board, the directors of the Divisions of the three Departments and their associates who are elected by the Board, and the associates in the Editorial Department who are elected by the Book Committee. It is felt that the new Committee, under the chairmanship of the Executive Secretary, is able to work much more effectively than could the old Curriculum Committee.

NEW COKESBURY TEXTS

Subject to the approval of the Joint Committee on Publication and of the General Board, plans are being made looking to the preparation of simple and inexpensive Cokesbury Texts. By limiting these books to twenty-five thousand words and issuing them in paper binding, it will be possible to sell them for approximately thirty-five or forty cents a copy. The Executive Staff and the Committee on

Curriculum and Program have considered the matter carefully, and they feel that the issuance of Cokesbury Training Texts in this cheaper form will render a great service to the field.

STANDARD LEADERSHIP TRAINING CURRICULUM

Due to the reorganization of all of our Standard Training Courses into the Standard Leadership Training Curriculum, which is now being presented for the approval of the Board, the list of texts handled by the Editorial Department are grouped under new classifications. Since the last report was submitted to the General Board the following textbooks have been completed:

THE MESSAGE OF THE FOURTH GOSPEL. (Elective Unit, Course for Diploma in Christian Education). By Elbert Russell.

CHILDREN'S WORK IN THE SMALL CHURCH. (Children's Division Series.) By Mary E. Skinner.

The following texts are in course of preparation:

I. *General Courses*

THE WORLD MISSION OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION. (Required Background Course.)

THE PROPHETS OF ISRAEL. (Required Bible Unit.) By Costen J. Harrell.

WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL. (Required Background Course.) By James S. Seneker.

II. *Specialization Courses*

PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATION OF CIRCUITS. (Pastors-General Officers' Series, Required Specialization Unit.) By W. M. Alexander and A. W. Martin.

III. *Courses Leading to Diploma in Christian Education*

STUDIES IN GALATIANS. (Elective Unit.) By W. A. Smart.

STUDIES IN ACTS. (Elective Unit.) By Andrew Sledd.

The preparation of the following texts has been discontinued:

THE WISDOM LITERATURE, by Ivan Lee Holt.

FIRST CORINTHIANS, by C. M. Bishop.

BIBLE LANDS, by W. A. Shelton.

THE LIFE AND WORK OF JEREMIAH, by George B. Winton.

THE LIFE AND WORK OF ISAIAH, by J. H. Hicks.

COKESBURY TRAINING COURSES

Since the last meeting of the Board, the following Cokesbury Texts have been completed:

THE CHRISTIAN'S RELIGION, ITS MEANING AND MESSAGE, by R. L. Ownbey.

HELPING OUR CHILDREN TO LEARN, by Frances C. McLester.

The following Cokesbury texts are now being written:

EDUCATIONAL WORK IN THE SMALL CHURCH, by J. Q. Schisler.

WORSHIP IN THE SMALL SCHOOL, by A. W. Martin.

CHILDREN IN THE SMALL CHURCH, by Freddie Henry.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION TEXTS

The following texts, prepared by the Leadership Training Publishing Association, have been completed within the past year:

GUIDING KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL, by Elizabeth McE. Shields.

IMPROVING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THROUGH SUPERVISION, by Frank S. McKibben.

THE EDITORIAL STAFF

The members of the Editorial Staff were introduced to the Board in the last report of the Secretary of the Editorial Department. However, it is impossible to refrain from another statement of appreciation concerning the faithfulness, skill, and efficiency of this group of helpers. The hundreds of letters reaching the Department expressing enthusiastic appreciation of the excellent features of the various periodicals reflect the fine work being done by the Associate and Assistant Editors in the creation of the periodical literature. Working along with these editors, our secretaries also make their important contribution. These office workers represent a high order of talent, educational preparation and devotion to their tasks. Without these coworkers the Secretary of the Editorial Department would find his task impossible.

Respectfully submitted.

C. A. Bowen

Secretary of the Editorial Department.

Annual Report of the Department of the Local Church

To the General Secretary and Members of the General Board of Christian Education:

This report consists of the Department Secretary's report and the report of the Directors of the Divisions in the Department, as follows: Children's, Young People's, Adult, School Administration, Missionary Education and Extension, Leadership Training. Reports of Foreign Extension, Parent Education and Home Co-operation, and Evangelism are contained in the Secretary's report, since there are no separate directors for these phases of work.

A PERIOD OF READJUSTMENT

The past twelve months has been a period of readjustment in which we have undertaken to carry on the regular activities in this department, while we were slowly but steadily adjusting the organization and program of the department to the conditions and requirements of the new legislation. This readjustment has extended itself to the Annual Conferences and the local churches throughout the connection.

A PERIOD OF PROGRESS

The reports of the Directors of the Divisions in this Department will indicate steady progress in carrying out the work committed to the Department. The members of the staff have been, without exception, faithful and efficient in their work. The reduction in the staff has made overtime work necessary for many persons, which has been carried without complaint. It is a question as to how far we can go in this direction without interfering with efficient work. In other words, a decreasing budget may force us to shorten our line and undertake fewer activities. The members of the staff look upon this work as being supremely important and in every way worthy of the very best they have to give in the way of devoted and efficient service. Our success in making needed readjustments throughout the Church is due in no small measure to this attitude on the part of your Staff in this Department.

The reports of the Directors of the Divisions will con-

vey to you the scope and program of the work in each division, and these will not be reviewed here. Your attention is called, however, to certain general lines of work not fully covered by the divisional reports, as follows:

RECORDS AND REPORTS

This Department has devoted considerable time during the year to the preparation of a new system of records and reports which is being published by the Methodist Publishing House. The Department's work has been done without expense to the House. This system will be in line with the legislation of 1930 and will be published under the title of the *Cokesbury Unified Record System.*

REACHING THE UNREACHED

The Division of School Administration will report more in detail on what is under way in carrying out your instructions in this important matter. It is too early to predict what the reports will show this autumn, but of one thing we are certain, and it is that leaders in Annual Conferences, many presiding elders, and thousands of workers in local churches have been aroused and are laying plans to reach the unreached. It is our purpose to make a constructive and prolonged effort which will reflect none of the unfavorable results often found in high-pressure membership drives.

EVANGELISM

There can be no antagonism between evangelism in the Sunday school of the right sort and the revival of the right sort. The one should supplement the other. Hundreds of our pastors are coming to see this and are realizing more fully each year the evangelistic possibilities in the local Church school. The interest of these pastors in this form of evangelism may be indicated by the very large quantity of the leaflet materials on evangelism published by this Board being ordered and used by these pastors. These materials are sent out only upon order. Approximately 85,000 have been ordered by the pastors during this season of pre-Easter evangelism. We have discontinued some of the older leaflets and have published some newer ones this year, including one by Bishop Mouzon on *If the Salt Have Lost Its Savor.*

The Editorial Department has given generous co-operation in this matter and in promoting an interest in reaching the unreached.

FIELD SERVICE

The members of the staff of this department have maintained a fair balance between office work and field service. They have touched every Annual Conference in the Church in general institutes, Standard Training Schools, Bible Conferences, district-wide meetings, Young People's Training Conferences, Christian Culture Institutes, Cokesbury Training Schools, Young People's Summer Assemblies, Pastors' Schools, Leadership Schools, local church visitation, and meetings with special groups, such as instructors in training schools and Conference and district officers. The requests for this type of service have greatly exceeded our ability to answer them. Those of us who have had several years' experience in this type of work have never seen greater interest in Christian education in the local church throughout the connection than at the present time. Three members of the staff of this department have taught a full course in religious education for a period of six weeks each at Scarritt College during the winter and spring terms. This service has been rendered without remuneration from the College. We have considered it an excellent opportunity with the young women who are going out for full-time service in the Church.

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

The volume of correspondence in the old Sunday School Board and the Epworth League Board was always heavy. Added to this volume is the correspondence growing out of the problems of readjustment. We make no effort to count letters of this sort written by members of the staff, but the number runs into the thousands each week. This gives us one of our greatest opportunities for service. These letters sometimes lead to personal visits, conferences, institutes, training classes or training schools, while through many such letters we are able to clear up difficulties which enable local church leaders to go forward with their program and work.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE

The Methodist Publishing House has rendered a great service to the educational work of our denomination. No small part of this service is due to the friendly attitude of the Agents toward all the work of this Board and to their belief in the importance of the educational program of the Church and to their interest in its success. They have rendered this service in many ways, some of which are indicated as follows: By making a substantial contribution to

the expenses of this department; by assuming the financial risks in publishing literature which will meet the needs of our own people; in publishing needed training texts; in providing funds for certain experimentation prior to the publication of certain materials; in providing through the periodicals channels through which the department can promote its program, and in every way seeking to render a service which is educational as well as financial in its nature. This Department is under obligations to the Publishing House for these many forms of co-operation.

By virtue of the close relationship which exists between this Department and the Publishing House on the one hand and the Conference and district workers on the other, this department continues to be one of the strongest allies of the House in promoting the use of our own literature and the sale of our training texts and other materials published by the House. Not the least of its service to the House is the constant promotion of good will for our denominational literature in every contact the members of the staff have with the field, either personally or by correspondence.

Some of the definite lines of service we seek to render to the Methodist Publishing House are as follows:

The Adult Division has established contacts with approximately 15,000 adult Bible classes in a campaign with the Publishing House to increase the circulation of the *Adult Student,* the *Home Quarterly,* the *Church School Magazine,* and the texts for Elective Courses in adult Bible classes.

The Young People's Division promotes Book-a-Month Clubs, Young People's Training Conferences, Summer Assemblies, Christian Culture Institutes, and other training agencies, through which books are sold. It also seeks to co-operate with the House in promoting the circulation of the *Epworth Highroad,* the *Torchbearer,* and the *Haversack.* It also undertakes to render service in the development of the Epworth League subjects and Sunday school lessons for young people.

The Children's Division sends out regularly a mimeographed news letter to Conference and District Directors of Children's Work in which encouragement and help are given in the use of our own literature and of books. This Division has also given much time in an effort to assist the Editorial Department in developing adequate materials for Vacation Schools.

The Division of School Administration has prepared an installation service for officers and teachers of Church schools, and has helped in the preparation of Sunday School Day programs and other special day programs.

The Division of Missionary Education is giving considerable time to securing missionary materials which are made available to the Editorial Department and by them channelled through to the writers of our Sunday school literature in an effort to make it effective in missionary education. This service amounts to approximately one full-time worker. This Division also issues a monthly bulletin of 28,000 copies called *Here and There,* which, among other things, advertises the missionary articles in the regular literature.

The Division of Leadership Training, while guiding a great Church-wide system of training work on an educational basis, is, at the same time, a great promotional agency for encouraging our people to buy books from the Publishing House. The training program, through correspondence work, training classes, and training schools, reaches into every hamlet and country community where our denomination has a member, as well as into the larger centers. This promotional service not only covers a large number of training texts which brings business to the House it would not otherwise have, but it also covers a large number of other books which instructors in training schools are required to read. It also stimulates interest in reading and promotes the use of the periodical literature of our Church. There are twenty-six training courses which undertake to encourage and help local churches in the proper use of our own literature.

OUR FINANCIAL PROBLEM

You will grasp our financial situation quickly when you realize that our income is approximately thirty-nine per cent less than the expenditures of the two old Boards for their programs during the last year of the preceding quadrennium. In other words, the income for this work has been reduced from approximately $288,000 to approximately $175,000. Furthermore, the two old Boards did not have sufficient funds to meet the demands upon them at the end of the quadrennium. One of them was going in debt, and the other was spending its reserve funds. By cutting down our staff in this department and doubling up work on some persons, by rigid economy in many directions, we have paid a debt of $16,500 and have lived within our income since September, 1930.

While we recognize the serious financial situation in which our Church finds itself and are deeply sympathetic with it, we must at the same time not overlook the strategic place of Christian education in the local churches in the life of the Church of the future. The local church schools con-

stitute the Church's great system of popular schools in Christian education, and they must have adequate support, or the entire Church will suffer. Therefore, in estimating the income for the several causes represented in our benevolences, we are asking that this cause, so vital to the future life of the Church, be given such a share in these resources as will enable it to live and function.

This leads me to venture a suggestion, calling the attention of the Board to the necessity of a constructive and consistent policy of Church finance based upon Christian principles. So long as it is possible for certain institutions, whether they be local churches, hospitals, colleges, general boards, or other institutions, to incur great debts which they cannot repay, our entire Church will suffer, and other institutions and agencies which conscientiously keep their expenditures within their incomes will be seriously crippled, if not obliterated. We believe the time has come when our Church not only needs to deal in a constructive fashion with the problem of financing its total program—local church, Annual Conference, and general—but it should also give consideration to the more vital question of what effect its financial system is having on the religious life of the individuals who compose its membership. In other words, if we are to put the emphasis where Jesus placed it—upon the value of persons—then we should consider the Christian educational aspects of our methods of financing the Church. Since the Church's finances, sooner or later, touch every individual member of every local church, its educational aspects are vitally related to the program of Christian education in the local church.

FOREIGN EXTENSION

As you know, Christian education in the local churches on foreign fields is supported by the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise. We have entered into most satisfactory arrangements with the Board of Missions through the Joint Committee on Co-operation and Counsel by which the Board of Christian Education is responsible for the program in the local churches on the foreign field and the Board of Missions for administration. These matters are handled by the Secretary of the Foreign Department of the Board of Missions and the Secretary of the Department of the Local Church of this Board. I desire to record here my appreciation of the uniformly co-operative spirit of Dr. Goddard in all these matters.

In carrying out these plans the Executive Committees of the two Boards elected Rev. H. K. King as the Joint Secretary of Christian Education on the Foreign Fields, and he sailed for China January 1 to enter upon his duties.

Rev. J. O. Kim, the General Secretary of Christian Education for the Korean Methodist Church, is making very real progress in developing this work. It is interesting to note the degree to which his program is patterned after that of our denomination, due doubtless to the fact that Kim is a Southern Methodist and received his training for Sunday school work in our Church.

According to Dr. T. Ukai, Chairman of the Board of Christian Education in Japan, Mr. C. J. Tagashira, Secretary of Christian Education and of Young People's Work in the Japan Methodist Church, is making progress there.

Careful attention needs to be given to our work in Brazil. A question has arisen as to the disposition of the funds which we are contributing through the Board of Missions for Sunday school work, which the Secretary of this department hopes to clear up this summer.

Rev. S. A. Neblett has been reappointed as Conference Secretary of Christian Education in Cuba. He and two of his associates have translated Shackford's *The Program of the Christian Religion* into Spanish for use as a text in training work in Spanish-speaking countries. We are promoting its sale in Mexico and in South America also. Brother Neblett has also translated some of our booklet materials for use in his work in Cuba, and for our work with the Mexicans on the border and in Old Mexico. Our work in Mexico and in Europe seems to be making satisfactory progress.

We mention the fact that through our present plan, by which Mr. Martin is responsible for missionary education in the local Church schools at home, and the Secretary of this department for foreign extension, we are saving approximately $5,000 a year of these funds, and we believe the work is being handled effectively.

PARENT EDUCATION AND HOME CO-OPERATION

The time is coming when the Church will realize more fully that the greatest opportunity for Christian education is in the home. Ours is one of few denominations which is undertaking to provide any sort of constructive program in this field. There are many extra Church organizations in this country which have elaborate programs of parent education, but none of these approach this problem from the religious angle. The Church therefore has an obligation as well as an opportunity at this point. Our manual on Parent Education and Home Co-operation has been widely used in our Church, and in others, and is frequently requested by outside organizations. There are several hundred groups

of parents in local churches throughout our connection which meet regularly for a study of their common problems from the angle of Christian education in the home. The Editorial Department is publishing an Elective Course in the *Adult Student* during this quarter on *Parents as Teachers of Christian Living*. This will be lifted out of the *Adult Student* and printed as an Elective Course for Bible Classes and Parent Study Groups. Much of this work is carried on through the age-group divisions, but the general aspects of it are handled by the Department Secretary.

MR. FENNELL P. TURNER

Your attention is called to the passing of Mr. Fennell P. Turner, who died suddenly on February 9, 1932, at Santa Cruz, Calif. Mr. Turner served as a member of the Staff of the General Sunday School Board from 1928 to the time of the merger of the Boards in 1930. At that time he accepted a position with the Institute of Social and Religious Research and was sent as a representative of the Laymen's Foreign Missions Inquiry to make a study of Missionary Personnel in the Orient. Upon his return in August of last year he spent several weeks in compiling his report.

Mr. Turner was the son of a Methodist preacher. He graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1891, and after several years in Y. M. C. A. work was General Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement for more than twenty years. He was for several years Secretary of the Committee of Reference and Counsel and rendered an outstanding service to the several denominations in this country.

WHAT SHALL WE SAY ABOUT CERTAIN MORAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS?

What has this program of Christian education in the local churches of our denomination to do with current moral and social problems?

What position should members of the staff of this department take toward these problems when they make contacts with our people in the field?

These are questions which give us concern. The issues which face our people today are of tremendous importance. They touch our people everywhere. Since Christian education undertakes to help people live like Christians ought to live in this modern world, we cannot seal it up in a compartment of our lives as if it had no relation to these problems. It must concern itself with everything that affects the life of our people.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE CHURCH COLLEGE

The aim of our work in the local church in its relation-

ship to the denominational college may be expressed as in item 8 of the statement of objectives on the following page.

This department is undertaking on its side to carry out this aim by emphasizing the essential place of the Christian college in our total educational program through every contact we have with the field. This emphasis is made in all institutes, training schools, young people's assemblies, adult conferences, and other such meetings. It is also made in the booklet literature of this department.

We are encouraging the local churches to help the college in the following ways:

1. By giving emphasis to the quarterly program of the college.
2. By observing College Day annually, with an offering.
3. By putting on special programs on the work of our colleges.
4. By encouraging our young people to attend our own Church colleges.
5. By giving financial support to our colleges.
6. By encouraging men of means to remember our colleges in their wills.
7. By considering the college in the Local Church Board of Christian Education as a necessary and vital part of the total educational program of the Church, and thus creating a friendly attitude toward it in the congregation.
8. By taking more interest in the religious welfare of the young people going from local churches to the colleges and by planning to give them places of service in the local church when they return.

In these ways we hope to render some service to our Church colleges. We are concerned, on the one hand, that the college become a little more aware of its relationship to the local churches of the Annual Conferences which it serves. It surely is not too much to ask that every professor in the college shall have a sense of responsibility for the religious life of the students and shall be concerned to send these students out equipped not only by training but with a friendly attitude and disposition toward the local church to render service in local churches wherever they may live.

WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH?

The following is submitted as one way of stating the goals we have set before ourselves in the work of the department. We pray daily that these things may come to pass in every local church of our great denomination.

The Objectives of Christian Education in the Local Church

I. To help each person—child, youth, adult—

in all our churches to achieve an intimate acquaintance and fellowship with God as his Heavenly Father, and fully to realize the power of the Holy Spirit in his life.

II. To lead each person to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, to acknowledge his supremacy, and to practice his teachings in all the relationships and experiences of life.

III. To help parents and teachers to realize their opportunity and obligation to use every means possible, in the Church and out, to cultivate right attitudes, to form right habits, to develop Christian character in growing life.

IV. To develop all our people in loyalty to the Church, to build up the membership of the Church, and to strengthen the Church in all of its undertakings.

V. To create within our local churches a passion to reach and bring in every person within the range of responsibility of the local church and to perfect ways and means of accomplishing this result.

VI. To develop within our people a sense of their obligation for civic and social righteousness, community service, and interracial friendships, and to provide programs through which these obligations may be discharged.

VII. To develop within our people a desire to share in the world-wide mission of the Church and to provide opportunities through which this desire may find satisfaction to the end that the gospel may reach all mankind.

VIII. To develop within our people a sense of comradeship between the local church and the Church college to the end that each in its place may effectively help the other in "meeting the needs of growing life" and in developing a people whose religious experience is grounded in a faith which is evangelical, reasonable, and unconquerable.

J. Q. Schisler

Secretary, Department of the Local Church.

Annual Report of the Children's Division

To the Secretary of the Department of the Local Church:

The members of the staff in the Children's Division feel overwhelmed in the face of the opportunity to help the childhood of the Church find "the way of life" through the processes of Christian education. What is being done is small indeed in comparison with what can be done as rapidly as the Board can make it possible for expansion and further development. The report which follows will indicate the ways in which we are trying to carry on the responsibilities of the Board for meeting the needs of the 692,000 children in our 17,000 churches and of the additional 1,790,000 for whom our Church is responsible.

CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

The most effective means of extending and lifting the level of work with children is through direct touch with children's workers in local churches, group or district meetings, and training schools. (Five hundred eight group meetings, in addition to training schools, were held in the twenty-four conferences reporting in 1931.) The conferences providing full-time Directors of Children's Work are forging ahead in bringing to pass better provisions for children. The service rendered by the young women in these positions is registering effectively in hundreds of churches and with thousands of children's workers with whom they come in direct contact. We regret that this valuable type of service is still lacking in a number of Annual Conferences.

A marked advance has been made during the year in the development of 173 volunteer workers holding the position of District Director of Children's Work. The Children's Division is attempting to co-operate with the Annual Conference Boards in stimulating and guiding the development of these workers by sending out mimeographed communications at intervals of approximately two months.

Since many conferences must depend entirely upon volunteer workers, it seems essential that funds be provided by them for bringing these responsible district workers together and in other ways helping them prepare for effective work. The proposed Seminar on District Work for both Leadership Schools should give impetus to this im-

portant channel through which this phase of the Board's program may be interpreted and promoted.

SERVICE OF STAFF MEMBERS

Service in the Field. The members of the Children's Division staff participate largely in the direct contacts with workers through local church, group, district, and Conference-wide meetings, and training schools. A summary of the extent of this type of service follows:

Type of Service	Number	Approximate Time
Institutes and district meetings	128	15 weeks
Training schools	14	14 weeks
Pastors' Schools	3	5 weeks
Conference-wide conferences and schools	6	2 weeks
Special Conferences	3	2 weeks
Special service at Scarritt College	2	7 weeks
Leadership Schools	4	14 weeks

Other Types of Service. The following will indicate other types of service which are carried on continuously, even during field trips:

Correspondence.
Individual conferences.
Staff and committee meetings.
Preparation and revision of leaflets.
Contacts maintained with conference and district workers and instructors.
Evaluating new leaflets and books.
Examining and reporting on manuscripts.
Personal preparation for teaching and field service.
Regular contributions to the periodicals.
Preparation of statements concerning training courses and carefully selected bibliography for each course.
Examining instructors' course plans and furnishing continuous guidance to instructors during their process of preparation.
Participation in committees of the International Council of Religious Education:
- Educational Commission.
- Committee on Religious Education of Children.
- Committee on Church School Administration.
- Committee on Leadership Training.
- Committee on Vacation Schools.
- Children's Work Professional Advisory Section.

The Board deserves to know that in all of these and in

other phases of work, too numerous to mention, the associates in the Children's Division are rendering a high type of service. Their fine spirit of co-operation, of giving themselves completely to their respective responsibilities, and of willingness to go far beyond what one has a right to expect in carrying forward the work of the Division, is unexcelled.

DEVELOPMENTS IN TRAINING WORK

The Children's Division feels that it has no responsibility greater than training work, both in personal service in training schools, in developing and enriching courses to be offered, in the accreditation and continuous contacts with instructors, and in the development of new courses and materials. The credits issued last year in courses designed especially for children's workers is a small measure of the service which is being rendered in this way, since a large number of people in training courses do not complete the work for credit but at the same time receive some of its values.

The work with children at Junaluska was continued in 1931 as a definite part of the Leadership Training School. Approximately 165 children were enrolled in the Sunday and week-day sessions, and approximately 125 local church workers in attendance upon the Leadership School were privileged either to participate in or to observe carefully selected teachers at work with children. We want to reaffirm our conviction that in this laboratory school the Board has an unexcelled opportunity for testing material in an experimental stage, for training workers, and for trying out policies which may afterward be recommended to churches of the denomination.

VACATION SCHOOLS

So far as time is concerned, the vacation season offers an open field to the church wishing to provide more adequately for the religious education of children. Essential to this provision, however, are a purpose and a plan on the part of local workers which will really meet the needs of children and not merely substitute much motion and a loud noise for real religious growth. There is every evidence that this estimate of the vacation school is gaining ground.

The primary responsibility for interpreting the purpose and possibilities of vacation schools and for rendering specific guidance through correspondence, institutes, and preparation of leaflet material is carried by Miss Spratt, although all members of the Children's Division staff cooperate in this responsibility. The following leaflet material

has been prepared to aid in this interpretation and is in wide use throughout our own and other denominations:

"The Vacation School in the Local Church."
"Vacation Schools on a Circuit."
An illustrated folder showing activities and materials for vacation schools.

We are happy to inform the Board that, through the co-operation of editors and publishers, the following material which has been issued this year is by far the most practical that we have seen provided by any other denomination for this purpose:

"Homes," a vacation school unit for beginners, by May H. Guerrant.
"Children of One Father," for primaries, by Juanita Ray Kent.
"How Nations Share," for juniors, by Edith Kent Battle.

Since our only means of securing satistics on vacation schools is through the conference officers, and since many conferences do not have a staff sufficient either to make known the help and material that are available or to promote or supervise the vacation schools, we cannot feel that the following statistical summary is an adequate estimate of what is being done along this line. The increase, however, is due directly to the fact that the Board has made it possible for a member of the staff to give sufficient time to a study and promotion of this as yet undeveloped but important opportunity for meeting the religious needs of children:

	Enrolment
Number of schools reported in 1928, 53	5,208
Number of schools reported in 1929, 129	12,240
Number of schools reported in 1930, 301	30,000
Number of schools reported in 1931, 415	37,563

CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH WEEK

The estimated number of churches observing Childhood and Youth Week in 1931 is 850, 162 of which reported study groups (based on reports received from nineteen conferences). Here again is an indication of the need for a larger number of Conference Directors of Children's Work who can assist in interpreting and promoting this occasion which the Board has included in the calendar of the Church school.

The following estimate from conference workers of

the plans for Childhood and Youth Week in 1931 has been taken into account by the committee in making plans for the current year:

> Best we have had; more publicity needed in periodicals; like choice of definite plans; best response we have ever had; favor continuing along similar lines; material very fine; decided improvement over previous years; unusually good; plans for child study groups helpful; emphasis on child study decidedly good; appropriate and suitable; Parent-Teacher Association using parent education course in schools; most significant yet; churches pleased with it; very practical, with wide range of adaptability; highly commended by those who used it; continue emphasis of last year.

An outline of the plans for 1932 is as follows:

Time: Third week in October or as near thereto as practicable.

Emphasis: Child Study.

Suggested items for the actual observance in the local church. (It is not thought that any one church would include all of these. A range is given with the hope that every church will be able to select for its observance those items of particular interest):

1. Appropriate sermon by the pastor on October 16.
2. Appropriate worship services in the Adult Department.
3. Special meeting of adults during the week, program consisting of:
   a. A specially prepared play to appear in the October number of the *Church School Magazine,* or
   b. A special program, helps for which will be provided in pamphlet form.
4. Child study groups. (Guidance and helps to occur in the periodicals.)
5. Display of books, pamphlets, periodicals helpful to parents and workers. (Suggestions to occur in the periodicals.)
6. Radio parties. (Suggestions for use of the radio to be distributed to conference workers, who in turn will be requested to approach local stations for broadcasting time during the week.)

INTERPRETATION OF POLICIES

The following policies of the Board have required special and almost continuous interpretation through letters, personal interviews, discussions at public gatherings, and special pamphlets:

1. *The unified program.* The fact that past experiences have led workers in the local church to think of every meeting of children as a separate organization with a special set of officers and material has made it hard for the values and simplicity of one program under the supervision of the Local Church Board of Christian Education, spreading out and becoming as rich and full as the local workers are able to make it, to be understood. Slowly, however, the idea of guiding children in worship, study, play, and other activities, instead of "putting on programs," is gaining ground. Our efforts to interpret the purpose and possibilities of a unified program expanding beyond the Sunday session have been accompanied in many cases by a new vision of the whole teaching opportunity of the local church. Much remains to be done, but a constructive beginning has been made.

2. *Missionary education.* In paragraph 394 the Discipline lays upon the Board of Christian Education the responsibility of including missionary training along with all other training provided for the children of the church. Our hope is that every little child in every one of the 17,000 churches of Southern Methodism will not lack opportunity for developing a conscious relationship toward God and his family everywhere and a sense of responsibility for helping to meet any need of which he is aware and also for sharing knowledge of God's best gift to the world, Jesus Christ.

The following material of distinctly missionary value has been included by the editors along with the regular lesson material during the year:

1. Frequent world friendship stories and material in the story paper, *Boys and Girls.*
2. Definite missionary lessons in the Group Graded Lessons for primaries and for juniors.
3. Interpretative articles and materials for the use of the teacher in the *Elementary Teacher.*
4. Vacation school courses: "Children of One Father," for primaries; "How Nations Share," for juniors.

The Children's Division and the Division of Missionary Education have co-operated in providing the following additional material:

"Children of the Orient," a free set of pictures.
"Missionary Education of Children," a pamphet for use in training schools, institutes, and individual study.

The co-operation of the children with the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise through a fourth Sunday offering makes it possible for every child to contribute regularly to missions. As far as children, at least, are concerned, missions and Christian education cannot be separated, and we are attempting to provide material and also to help those who work with children to see that as a unified program becomes richer and fuller these two major emphases converge. With the help of the Board, constant study of this problem, and the co-operation of the Board of Missions, whose experience and judgment at these points become a valuable source of help, we should be able to make progress along this line.

If we may judge by the type of help requested in correspondence, conferences, institutes, and training schools, and by the evidence of an increased concern on the part of pastors and general workers as well as children's workers that the best possible provision be made for children, we may estimate the year as one of constructive growth on a sound basis. We wish that the Board could enter more largely into this ever-widening field of service. We regret that the present financial situation which affects all phases of our work makes us seem to stand still or even draw back from any line of approach to the children in and out of our churches who will so soon pass out of childhood. The work deserves and is receiving the best united effort of those to whom the Board has entrusted this responsibility.

Respectfully submitted. MARY SKINNER,

Director, Children's Division.

Annual Report of the Young People's Division

To the Secretary of the Department of the Local Church:

PROGRESS IN THE CHURCH THIS YEAR

1. In the Local Church

There is cause for real encouragement over the reception which the new program and organization for young people have received in the churches. Following the meeting of the General Board of Christian Education the last of April, 1931, the first definite guidance on program and organization was released to the field.

There is no source for exact information as to how many local churches have completed the organization of their young people's division. At least two channels for gathering this information have been employed:

First, the applications for charters for departments within young people's divisions which have organized. Naturally, only a portion of those which organize actually report and apply for charter.

It was a month or two after definite materials on organization were issued before returns could be expected. Beginning approximately July 1, 1931, there have been received, up to the middle of March, 1932, a total of 1,032 applications for charters for young people's groups in local churches and charters issued. At present applications for charters are coming in at the rate of approximately 40 a week. It has not seemed justified to exert unusual pressure to stimulate applications for charters, the actual perfection of program and organization receiving the major emphasis.

The second channel for gathering information on this matter is the system of quarterly reports from the District Secretaries of Young People's Work. This system of reporting could not be put into operation until the last quarter of 1931 and naturally is very incomplete, due to the newness of the items called for and to temporary lack on the part of the District Secretaries of facilities for gathering information. Reports from District Secretaries of Young People's Work, *as of December 31, 1931,* scattered through 25 Annual Conferences and covering 58 Presiding Elder's Districts in which there are 3,102 local churches, indicate the following:

Churches where there was no organized young people's work excepting for Sunday school classes	1,060
Churches where there still existed the old plan of organization for young people as it was set up before the General Conference of 1930	740
Churches which had organized their young people's work under the new plans	571
Total churches about which the District Secretaries had information	2,371
Churches where the situation regarding young people's work was unknown to the District Secretaries	731
Total number of churches in the 58 districts	3,102

These 2,371 churches upon which report was made represent a little less than one-seventh of all our local churches. If the situation in these churches is typical, then it may be estimated that up to December 31, 1931, approximately 4,000 (or 7 times 571) of our local churches had organized their young people according to the new plans. In any event, the showing for such a short period of time indicates a tremendous amount of interest in the new plans for young people.

It will be recalled that the General Board of Christian Education at its last annual meeting authorized three possible plans for the organization of young people in the local church, the Unified, the Correlated, and the Co-operative, but *recommended* the Unified Plan. It is of interest that 91 per cent of the applications for charters indicate that the unified plan of organization has been chosen.

Our correspondence and our field contacts reveal a vital interest on the part of the churches. There is still much educational work to be done, and the production of the needed literature for guidance is not complete, but in each Annual Conference there is very evident desire to embrace the new opportunities. There are, of course, areas where less has been done than in others. It is to be remembered that in the Young People's Division three divergent programs have been combined (that of the former General Epworth League Board, the former General Sunday School Board, and the program of the Young People's Missionary Society) and definite loyalties to the old order have been encountered, yet the amount of antagonism to the new program has been refreshingly slight.

The Young People's Division has co-operated with the other age group divisions of the Department of the Local Church in the production of a simple system of records and

reports for use in the local church school to meet the needs of the present situation. Several units of this system, for use in the young people's divisions of local churches, have been published in advance of the rest of the system to meet the pressing demand for them.

2. In the District

In each Presiding Elder's district there is a District Secretary of Young People's Work. The majority of them are active and are showing good results, co-operating with the Conference Executive Secretaries and Conference Directors of Young People's Work. Their activities include aiding local churches with problems of program and organization, promoting union organizations within the district, furthering the training program of the church for young people, stimulating missionary education and offering, and constituting a point of contact with the local churches for the Conference and General Boards of Christian Education and the Conference Young People's Organization.

The young people of the local churches are associated together in Unions, some districts including several Unions. It seems impossible accurately to estimate the number of Unions at present in existence. This condition is occasioned by the fact that the former Epworth League Unions are simply being expanded in scope to include all young people's interests within the church with the necessary adjustments in organization. Effort is being made to get all Unions to report and apply for new charters as soon as they have been reorganized under the new plans. Up to the middle of March, 1932, 113 Unions had applied for charters under the new plans for Unions. The largest number of Unions reported by the former General Epworth League Board was 403. It is not known how many of these were in existence when provision was made last summer (1931) for reorganization. It is felt that splendid interest in the new plans is revealed by the 113 applications to date particularly as it is known that numbers of Unions have reorganized under the new plans but have been slow in applying for charters.

3. In the Annual Conferences

During the summer season last year (1931) there was set up in each Annual Conference throughout the church an Annual Conference Young People's Organization to be carried on as a part of the program of the Conference Board of Christian Education, and with the Conference Executive Secretary and Conference Director of Young People's Work intimately connected with its operation. These Organizations operate under a standard form of Constitution. They were brought into being through the expansion

and reorganization of the Conference Epworth League Organizations. The spirit of co-operation and earnestness in bringing into being in every annual conference in the church the new Conference Young People's Organization is further evidence of the interest and approval both of the young people and of our Conference leaders in the new program. Our Conference Executive Secretaries and their staffs have exhibited splendid leadership in this year of transition. In 28 annual conferences there are employed or volunteer Conference Directors of Young People's Work who are a most important factor in the young people's work of the church.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TRAINING PROGRAM

It is felt that the appropriation by the church of the opportunities in this modern day for growing Christian lives among young people will largely depend upon the ability of our leadership. Worth-while progress this year has been made with the training program for young people and for the leaders of young people.

1. Courses

The Standard Training Curriculum has been enriched in the area of young people's work and these courses revised to reflect the unified program under which we are operating, wherein Sunday school, Epworth League, and Young People's Missionary Society programs are merged. The methodist Young People's Training Course has been discontinued as a separate course and its units for the most part merged with the Standard Training Curriculum and the Christian Culture Course. This simplification has proved advantageous.

The Cokesbury Course will carry one unit on young people's work and plans are under way for its development before the fall of 1932.

The Christian Culture Course this year has been completely revised as a simplified training course exclusively for young people sixteen to twenty-three to meet those situations where the requirement of the Standard Training Curriculum cannot be met.

The Christian Adventure Course was used with success in last summer's Camps and Assemblies for the Intermediate age, and will be so used again this year as well as in Vacation Church Schools. The limited personnel of the Young People's Division staff has made it impossible completely to develop this course in a manner commensurate with its possibilities. It holds great promise.

2. Agencies

The Young People's Training Conference is in effect

a Standard Training School for young people. It is urged as the most effective training agency in the young people's field. Standard Courses within the young people's field are offered by approved instructors, but the platform hours and other features are responsibilities of the young people. This agency for training has been used with splendid results this year. Great interest has been manifest in the young people's courses offered in Standard Training Schools. A total of 4,437 Standard credits have been issued by the various agencies this past year in the young people's field.

The Christian Culture Institute is the chief agency through which the Christian Culture Course is offered. Under the former General Epworth League Board the "Christian Culture Efficiency Institute" enjoyed great popularity. The present Christian Culture Institute embodies certain changes to accommodate new conditions but promises to retain its popularity with young people.

For a large part of the year Christian Culture Institutes were not promoted because the plans governing them needed revision and the staff was unable to give prompt attention to the matter. Despite that fact, 134 Christian Culture Institutes were held from April, 1931, to the middle of March, 1932. Since January 1, 1932, 39 Christian Culture Institutes have been held at which there was a total average attendance of 2,557 and in which 1,905 Christian Culture credits were issued.

The Young People's Summer Assemblies last year were unusually successful. In spite of general economic conditions an Assembly was held in every annual conference in the church and the average attendance was larger than in former years under the old plan. This was the first widespread evidence of bringing together young people representing the three formerly separate programs which have been merged (Sunday school, Epworth League, and Young People's Missionary Society), and it was eminently successful. Christian Culture courses were used in all but two Assemblies. In those two, Standard Curriculum courses were used. The Young People's Division is indebted to the other divisions of this Department and to the other departments of the General Board Staff for assistance in representing the General Board at Assemblies. Traveling expenses of General Board representatives were paid by the Assemblies themselves on a pool basis.

The Christian Adventure Camps and Assemblies for the Intermediate age were conducted last summer by the annual conference workers without field assistance from the General Board Staff, because of the limited personnel available. The only direction given was by correspondence. This condition should be corrected as soon as possible.

It is felt by the Young People's Division Staff that much more time needs to be invested in Intermediate work than it is able to do with its limited personnel. A more thoroughgoing study of the whole Intermediate situation in our church (as well as in other denominations) needs very badly to be made.

The Summer Training Camps at Lake Junaluska last summer gave opportunity to 108 girls to enjoy the privilege of Christian education of a high type in a camp situation. A regular training course for camp leaders was initiated as a part of the camp program and twenty-three young women between seventeen and thirty attended as student counselors. For the purpose of experimenting with a camp program and budget suitable for district and conference camps, a ten day camp also was conducted under the name of "Bide-a-Wee." A total of 216 credits were issued during the season at camp. General economic conditions made it seem unwise to conduct a boys' camp. The plans for the summer of 1932 include only one camp for girls.

The Young People's Leadership Conferences at Lake Junaluska and Mount Sequoyah last summer (1931), just as in the case of the Young People's Summer Assemblies in the annual conferences, were gratifyingly successful. Attendance was large in both instances, the adult leadership, which supplemented the General Board Staff, was stimulating and efficient, and the interest on the part of the young people all that could be wished. At Mount Sequoyah 134 attended and 159 Standard Training credits were issued. At Lake Junaluska 215 attended and 264 Standard Training credits were issued.

The first summer's training and assembly activities under the unified program gave significant indication of the young people's attitude toward the new opportunities now available to them through the church.

NEW LITERATURE ON PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATION

During the year the following books and booklets have been produced by the Young People's Division.

200-B. Program and Organization of the Young People's Division in the Local Church.
201-B. The Young People's Summer Assembly.
202-B. The Young People's Division in the Small Church.
203-B. The Young People's Missionary Special.
204-B. Constitution of the Annual Conference Young People's Organization.
207-B. Constitution of the Young People's Union.

225-B. Book of Remittance Blanks for Department Treasurer.
224-H. Books Worth Reading.
213-H. Church Dramatics.
208-B. The Christian Culture Course.
230-H. Manual for Conference and District Officers.
205-H. Program Manual on Missions and World Friendship.
206-H. Program Manual on Recreation and Personal Development.
211-H. Program Manual on Worship.
212-H. Program Manual on Citizenship and Community Service.
231-H. Department Secretary's Book.
229-H. Department Treasurer's Book.
228-H. Conference Treasurer's Book.
241-B. Recreation Suggestions for Summer Assemblies.

Two more program manuals—one on Evangelism and Church Relationships and one on Leadership Training—are scheduled to be ready before summer. An additional booklet on "Promoting the Program" giving general guidance for the ongoing of young people's work in the local church is scheduled for completion in April.

The Editorial Department has co-operated in every way in making space in the *Epworth Highroad* and *Church School Magazine* available to the Young People's Division for articles by members of the staff furthering the work of the Division.

FIELD SERVICE

The demands upon each member of the Young People's Division Staff devising program and organization, in the production of literature outlining it, and in handling the tremendous volume of correspondence incident to the introduction of the new plans, have been heavy. Despite this, a reasonable balance has been preserved between office and field service. Staff members of this division have worked in twenty-eight annual conferences in the following types of service:

	Number	Approximate Time
Institutes and District Meetings	24	9 weeks
Standard Training School and Young People's Training Conferences	20	18½ weeks
Annual Conference Young People's Summer Assemblies	17	17 weeks
Pastors' Schools and Miscellaneous Meetings	10	6 weeks

Conference Leadership School and Camps at Lake Junaluska	4	15	weeks
Conference and Leadership School at Mount Sequoyah	2	10	weeks
Special Teaching Service at Scarritt College	1	26	weeks

CO-OPERATION FROM THE CHURCH AT LARGE

There has been whole-hearted interest in furthering young people's work on the part of the leaders throughout the church. Conference Executive and Extension Secretaries, Conference Directors of Young People's Work, Presiding Elders, District Workers, and Pastors have entered enthusiastically into the task of providing the leadership needed to make the new plans effective. It would be difficult to overstate the importance of the co-operation they have given.

WORK OF STAFF MEMBERS

The staff of the Young people's Division has co-operated with the Editorial Department in the production of the young people's periodicals and has collaborated with the Editorial Department in the building of Epworth League meeting topics. Service has been rendered the Publishing House in assistance with the Cokesbury Unified Record System, in being alert to further circulation of periodicals and sale of materials, and the like.

The work of the Young People's Division is approached by the staff as a whole as being a common task. This has been particularly necessary because of the insufficient personnel available to handle the rapidly expanding program. Each staff member has been called upon to carry responsibility in many different phases of the work. However, certain divisions of labor may be recognized. Miss Alleen Moon is particularly responsible for training work as it relates to the Young People's Division, especially in the areas of Standard Curriculum and the Christian Adventure Course, and for the Summer Camps. Because of the vacancy in the Young People's Division Staff in that no Intermediate age worker has as yet been provided, Miss Moon has aided particularly in the Intermediate area. Miss Ina C. Brown has responsibility for matters relating to missionary education in all of its broad phases, and the furthering of interests which formerly attached to the program of the Young People's Missionary Society. Rev. E. O. Harbin is charged with responsibility for the Christian Culture Course, direction of recreational and personal development activities, including the vital matter of guidance in the

proper use of leisure time. The Director has general responsibility and endeavors to supervise field contacts, the set-up of the summer program in the conferences, and general promotional work.

IDEALS IN VIEW

The Young People's Division is conscious of its opportunity to serve the Kingdom of God through the program which it administers. It is felt that the greatest good will not ultimately be found in the area of perfection of mechanical details, as important as they are and necessary at this stage of development. An earnest effort is being made to comprehend the needs of young people in terms of present life and the age in which we live. It is recognized that the church will retain its spiritual leadership among young people only as it truly interprets and courageously lives the basic teachings of Jesus. The teachings of Jesus cut across many currents of modern life, some of which are entrenched and conventional. Through the opportunities inhering in the new plan, it is hoped that the young people in our constituency may be stirred to an appreciation of what life holds for them and to courageous Christian living in this most interesting today.

Respectfully submitted. WALTER TOWNER, *Director.*
Young People's Division.

Annual Report of the Division of Adult Work

To the Secretary of the Department of the Local Church.

Never before has there been such an interest in the adult work of our Church. This interest is manifested by increased demands on the Director and the Associate Director of the Division of Adult Work to teach in Standard Training Schools, to present the adult work in district federation meetings, Bible Conferences, district institutes, Conference-wide meetings, and summer assemblies. There is also an ever increasing demand for materials on adult work.

The Division of Adult Work is undertaking to give such guidance to Adult Divisions in local churches as to enable them to develop and carry out an effective program of Christian education of adults, including "worship, fellowship, study, and evangelistic, missionary, social, and recreational activities."

CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS OF ADULT WORK

Twenty-five Conference Executive Secretaries have appointed Conference Directors of Adult Work. They are giving their time and means in promoting the adult work in their Annual Conferences.

Over two hundred District Directors of Adult Work have been appointed by the Conference Executive Secretaries and Conference Directors of Adult Work. These District Directors are beginning to go about their work in a most encouraging way.

DISTRICT FEDERATION MEETINGS

District federation meetings have been held in a number of districts. These meetings do not represent a complicated district organization. They are under the direction of the District Directors of Adult Work and the District Council, the District Council being composed of District Directors and the Superintendents of the Adult Divisions of the local churches in the district. This provides an adequate way for the plans and policies of the General Board to channel through the Conference and District or-

ganization to the Superintendents of the Adult Divisions in the local churches. District meetings are occasions that enable the adult leaders to share experiences, to consider common problems, to encourage each other in the work, and to provide such co-operation as will make it possible for each adult group to render its greatest possible service to its own Church.

SUMMER ASSEMBLIES

The Division of Adult Work is laboring under the necessity of developing plans and programs for summer assemblies for adults in order to meet the needs of those adults who have been active in the former Epworth League Summer Assemblies and others that want the advantage of training given in such meetings. More than twelve Conference Assemblies for adults will be held during the months of June, July, and August.

CONFERENCE VISITATION

During this past year the Director and the Associate Director of the Division of Adult Work have visited twenty-five Annual Conferences. They took part in the following meetings: Sixty-two district federation meetings, six Standard Training Schools, two Bible Conferences, seventeen Conference-wide meetings, three Pastors' Schools, and the Leadership Schools at Mount Sequoyah and Lake Junaluska.

PAMPHLET MATERIAL

The Division of Adult Work is engaged in the task of providing adequate guidance in the adult work of our Church through the best possible pamphlets on adult work. The following pamphlets are now available: *The Adult Division in the Local Church; Young Adults; Conference and District Federations of Adult Bible Classes; Thirty Thousand Adult Bible Classes Working Together; January 1, 1931, Adult Messenger; Increasing and Maintaining the Membership of Bible Classes for Adults; Missionary Education and Christian Service; The Adult Class an Evangelistic Agency; Suggested Activities for Home Members; Leisure Time and Recreation for Adults; Parent Education and Home Co-operation.*

The directors are engaged at the present time in revising two of these pamphlets and in writing four others that must be available by the first of June. It is not saying too much when the statement is made that this one responsibility is more than enough to employ the full time of one individual. Much of this work is done at night, while on the train, and between Conference and district meetings.

THE ADULT MESSENGERS

The *Adult Wesley Bible Class Messenger* is a quarterly promotion publication of the Division of Adult Work. It is mailed quarterly to the teachers and presidents of those adult Bible classes that are registered with the Division. It is also distributed in district federation meetings, district institutes, Bible Conferences, and Standard Training Schools.

The *District Messenger* is a monthly mimeographed sheet that goes to the District Directors of Adult Work. It is through this *District Messenger* that the directors plan to give specific guidance to the District Directors of Adult Work.

The Division is engaged in securing experiences from the largest possible number of adult Bible classes and workers with adults in order that all pamphlet material may be of such practical nature that any adult Bible class will be able to find suggestions that will assist them in their work.

REGISTERING AND REPORTING OF ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

This is a definite way of establishing General and Conference Board contact with the adult Bible classes and divisions. An increasing number of adult Bible classes and divisions are registering and reporting annually to the Division of Adult Work. At the present time there are over four thousand adult Bible classes so registered. We consider this a most encouraging response. A number of Annual Conferences are aggressively promoting this enterprise, and we have every reason to believe that there will be such a response that in the next few years we will have not less than fifteen thousand classes registered with the Division.

BIBLE CONFERENCES

Dr. John W. Shackford dreamed and planned for Bible Conferences over a period of ten years. The first Bible Conference was held in the spring of 1929. Since that time there has been an increasing interest in Bible Conferences. Thirty-four Bible Conferences were held in 1931. This year we are able, because of lack of financial resources, to hold only those Conferences where there is a definite, specific demand made for them. Bible Conferences as district meetings could be established as annual events in the majority of the districts of Southern Methodism. It is with deep regret that the Director of the Division of Adult Work is unable, on account of lack of finances, to promote aggressively the holding of Bible Conferences. The General

Board is losing one of its greatest opportunities of giving specific direction concerning Bible study and a program of activities for adult classes.

YOUNG ADULTS

Due to the fact that the Conferences and districts have not been until recently organized for promoting adult work, it has been impossible to carry to any considerable number of young adults the plans and policies of the General Board for this work. As we have been able to get the plans and policies of the Church before this group they have, in almost every instance, responded in a most gratifying way.

The Division is trying to direct the young adults in such a way that they will become a vital part of the Adult Division in the local Church. They are encouraged to organize classes and take their place along with the other adult Bible classes in promoting an aggressive program for their membership. We are trying to carry out the policies of the Church in such a way that we will not have another organization in the Adult Division composed of the membership of the existing adult Bible classes, thus creating confusion, overlapping, and duplication in the work of the Adult Division.

Those churches that have made an effort to carry out the plans of the Adult Division in organizing the Wesley Fellowship group are meeting with a most gratifying response on the part of the young adults. In many churches where the old Epworth League was able to reach anywhere from eight to twenty-five young adults we are now reaching from twenty-five to one hundred through the special class or classes for young adults. We are faced with the definite responsibility of challenging the young adults with the provisions that the Church has made for them. As we are able to make progress in developing Conference and district organizations we will reach in a more definite way a larger number of young adults.

THE HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE

The Division of Adult Work recognizes that it has a responsibility for promoting the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise among the adult Bible classes. It is co-operating with the Division of Missionary Education and Extension to bring the largest possible number of adult Bible classes to share in this enterprise.

The Division is also promoting a full program of missionary education and Christian service, believing that unless we can undergird our giving with an adequate interpretation of the meaning of missions and the responsibility

for giving ourselves, as well as our money, we cannot hope to bring about the desired outcome in our program of Christian education.

IN CONCLUSION

The Director of the Division of Adult Work appreciates the fact that Dr. D. L. Mumpower was assigned to the Adult Division. Without his assistance during the past nine months the Director of the Adult Division would have been greatly embarrassed. With his help we cannot meet even fifty per cent of the demands made upon us. We try to meet the demands as far as our physical strength will allow.

It is our avowed determination to give such direction to the adult work that the Church shall always come first in the thinking of adults; to lead them into an appreciation of their opportunities to work in the Church; to recognize their responsibility for others so that the Wesley Bible Class motto, "My Brother and I," may become a motivating factor in their lives.

Respectfully submitted. M. Leo Rippy, *Director.*
Division, Adult Work.

Annual Report of the Division of School Administration

To the Secretary of the Department of the Local Church.

The following is a report of the main lines of activity promoted by the Division of School Administration during the past year:

GENERAL OFFICE WORK

The new legislation regarding Christian education in the local Church brought about new problems of administration. Consequently, during the past year, more requests for information on practical aspects and problems of the work of Christian education were received than ever before. This, along with the fact that there were demands for other time and service, has made regular office work unusually heavy. A large percentage of the requests has centered around the set-up and the work of the Local Church Board of Christian Education. Such requests have come particularly from chairmen and secretaries of these boards. It may be of interest to know that at least one-third, if not one-half, of these requests have come from women.

THE SELECTION AND TRAINING OF A LEADERSHIP

Special guidance is given in answering requests for help concerning such problems of administration as the basis for selection of teachers, standardizing the work of the local Church school, the proper use of building and equipment, and so forth.

The leadership for the administrative work of the local Church school is being developed also through the selection and approval of instructors who can offer training courses in the field of general administration. Two new courses in this field have been provided, as follows: *The Administration of Christian Education in the Local Church* and *Organizing for Christian Education in the Local Church.* The first is an outgrowth of the former two Sunday School Management courses, and deals more especially with the problems of administration. The latter seeks to give help in the organization of local churches in harmony with the new legislation and meets an urgent demand from the field for help along this line.

One of the chief responsibilities of the Division of School Administration since September 1, when the course on *Organizing for Christian Education in the Local Church* was authorized, has been the selection and accreditation of instructors for this course, in co-operation with the Division of Leadership Training. The results of this special emphasis are indicated by the following table:

STATISTICS ON THE COURSE
ORGANIZING FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 1, 1931–MARCH 31, 1932

Number of Interpreters' Conferences held	24
Number of instructors recommended	232
Number of outlines received and handled	90
Number of instructors accredited April 1	80
Number of Standard Training Schools in which the course has been offered	123
Number of Standard Training Classes in which the course has been offered	43
Total number of times course has been offered in seven months	166
Total enrolment in course, both schools and classes, on which reports have been received	3,488
Total credits earned in course, both schools and classes, on which reports have been received	2,603
Number of churches reached through the offering of the course in schools and classes	956

In preparation for teaching this course all the instructors did the following work: (1) took credit in the courses on Pupil Study and Principles of Teaching; (2) read carefully all the leaflets prepared by the General Board of Christian Education; (3) read a number of books on Christian education; (4) attended an Interpreters' Conference where the new legislation and the scope and content of this course were carefully explained by some member of the General Board Staff; (5) answered a detailed questionnaire on the new legislation and its implications for the local church; (6) prepared a detailed outline of the course; (7) organized his own Local Church Board of Christian Education or helped in the organization of such a Board. It is gratifying to know that among the instructors already accredited there are a number of presiding elders.

It is not necessary to say that the regular correspondence with the prospective instructors and the detailed work of reviewing the questionnaires and outlines and of the re-

vised materials has involved an immense amount of office work for the Division of School Administration.

Further assistance to general administrative officers has been given in district-wide institutes held in most of the Annual Conferences. One of the five points of emphasis in these institutes has been the need for organizing Local Boards of Christian Education. The Director of the Division of School Administration helped in twenty institutes of this kind.

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE

There was held at Mount Sequoyah last summer a three-day Superintendents' Conference, the first of the kind held in our Church. The attendance and interest were such that plans have been made to hold two such conferences this summer: one at Mount Sequoyah, July 23-25, and the other at Lake Junaluska, August 13-15. This year chairmen of the Local Church Boards of Christian Education will be included. Plans have been made to extend personal invitations to around one thousand superintendents and Local Board chairmen, the names being furnished by the Conference Executive Secretaries.

It is expected that these conferences will be followed by similar meetings of a district-wide nature. The enlarged program of Christian education in the local church calls for a new type of general superintendent and for effectively trained chairmen of Local Church Boards of Christian Education. It is hoped, therefore, that funds may be provided to enable the Division of School Administration to hold a number of these superintendents' conferences during the coming year.

REACHING THE UNREACHED

In harmony with the action of the General Board of Christian Education to set aside the year 1932 for a special effort at membership increase, a committee was appointed to have charge of this matter. The Director of the Division of School Administration is serving as chairman of this committee.

The following is a brief report of what has been done to awaken our Church to its responsibilities of reaching the unreached:

1. Three special leaflets have been prepared and several old ones revised. These have been widely distributed through letters and institutes.

2. The matter has been featured in the section, "The Department of the Local Church," in the March and April numbers of the *Church School Magazine* and also in the *Elementary Teacher*, the *Epworth Highroad*, and the *Adult*

Student. In addition, articles will appear in these periodicals throughout the year. Further attention is being called to the whole matter through special display pages and brief statements set out conspicuously as "editorial boxes." Emphasis is being given also by the lesson writers of the Uniform and Group Lessons.

3. An appropriate letter, including a copy of the leaflet, *Plans for District Attack,* has been sent to every presiding elder by Rev. J. Q. Schisler, Secretary of the Department of the Local Church.

4. Special letters will be sent by the age-group divisions of the Department of the Local Church to district workers urging them to call continuous attention to our responsibility of reaching the unreached.

5. The matter was given earnest consideration at the General Council of Christian Education in December, and especially in the meetings of the Associate Councils.

6. Reaching the Unreached is one of the five major points of emphasis, not only in the program of the General Board, but also in the program of all the Annual Conferences. For that reason this matter has been featured at every district-wide institute held in our Church this year.

7. The Sunday School Day program prepared for 1932, entitled "The Good Shepherd," has as its theme the Church's responsibility for reaching the unreached.

As a result of this special effort it is confidently expected that every Annual Conference will report a material increase in Sunday school membership this fall.

ASSISTANCE IN ARCHITECTURAL MATTERS

Owing to the financial condition in our country, there has been little church building or remodeling. But during the past two months there seems to be an increased interest. Specific help in architectural matters has been given at the following points: Answering inquiries for guidance on new building projects and remodeling old buildings; examining plans, blue prints, and sketches; making suggestions for needed changes or additions in order to meet present architectural specifications; making suggestions as to equipment and furnishings for departments and classrooms, etc.

In co-operation with the Board of Church Extension a booklet, entitled *Architectural Regulations for Church and Church School Buildings,* has been prepared. A smaller leaflet listing a recapitulation of the architectural specifications has been prepared also.

FIELD SERVICE

In addition to the work indicated above, the Director of the Division of School Administration has given twenty-two weeks to service in the field. This service has consisted of the following: Participation in twenty institutes, teaching in four training schools, in two Young People's Assemblies, in one Pastors' School, and in both Leadership Schools, representing the Board at one Annual Conference, and conducting twelve Interpreters' Conferences. All told, fourteen different Annual Conferences have been reached.

The amount of service in the field, as well as the large volume of office work, has been made possible because of the faithful work of the office secretary, Miss Ila O. Steele. The demands on this Division are heavier than the limited staff can meet adequately. But we rejoice in the opportunity of serving the Kingdom in our humble way.

Respectfully submitted. O. W. MOERNER, *Director, Division, School Administration.*

Annual Report of the Division of Extension and Missionary Education

To the Secretary of the Department of the Local Church:

This report falls naturally into two main subdivisions. First, an account of what is being done to provide for missionary education in local churches, and second, a brief description of extension work in the homeland.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

The 1930 General Conference charged the General Board of Christian Education with "providing for education in missions in all our churches." (Paragraph 394, 1930 Discipline.) While this provision of the Discipline, like many others, is subject to various interpretations, it is quite clear that the General Conference meant for the General Board of Christian Education to provide our local churches with a program of Christian education so permeated with missionary motives, missionary attitudes, and missionary ideals that every person within the local church would receive thorough training in missionary activities as a part of his education in Christian living.

The Division of Extension and Missionary Education has not sought, therefore, to build up a program of missionary education *separate* from the total program of Christian education. On the contrary, we have sought in every way possible to aid the various departments and divisions of the General Board of Christian Education in their efforts at creating and developing a program of Christian education that is truly missionary in spirit and in content.

The paragraphs that follow will help to make clear what has been done, and is being done, to make the Church's program of Christian education truly missionary. Naturally, an infinite amount of detailed and painstaking labor, which cannot be described in this brief report, has been necessary.

1. Missionary Education through Leadership Training Courses

Here we face a twofold task. First, the training of a limited number of leaders in every local church for special responsibilities in missionary education. Second, the train-

ing of *all* leaders in the local church to think, feel, and act in terms of missionary purposes.

To this end much time and energy have been given during the past year to reworking and reorganizing the missions courses of the Sunday School and Epworth League Boards as a vital factor in the new Leadership Training Curriculum of the General Board. Not only have we provided a series of courses especially for those persons who are concerned directly with missionary education in the local church, but many of the regular training courses have been revised to include a definite missionary emphasis. This is particularly true of such general courses as "The World Mission of the Christian Religion" and the "materials" courses in the age-group divisions. Much time is given in the division to handling course plans from instructors of missions courses and to grading papers from supervised study courses in missions. In addition, the division is pushing vigorously the matter of building up an adequate staff of instructors for missions courses in each annual conference. Incidentally, the director and his associate have offered missions courses in two Pastors' Schools, in both Leadership Schools, and in a number of Standard Schools during the year.

2. Missionary Education through the Programs of the Age-Group Divisions

While the reports from the age-group divisions will doubtless contain a detailed description of the progress made in missionary education during the year, special attention is called to two or three important items here.

(*a*) The Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise is the basis of missionary education in all age-group divisions. In the preparation of materials such adaptations as are necessary to capture the interest of each age group have been made. For the first time in the history of the Church the local church school is supporting a unified missionary special. This fact will greatly simplify many of our problems in the future.

(*b*) During the year manuals on missionary education have been prepared for the guidance of teachers and other workers in each age-group division.

(*c*) The Division of Extension and Missionary Education has co-operated also with the age-group divisions in the preparation of special missionary materials. For example: "Children of the Orient," for use in the children's division; "The New Young People's Mission Special," for use in the young people's division; and "A Challenge to Adults," for use in the adult division.

3. Missionary Education through Lesson Materials and the Regular Periodicals Issued by the Board

A major task during the year has been that of assisting the Editorial Department in providing the lesson writers with missionary materials. The Editorial Department has given unstinted co-operation at this point, and even a casual examination of the various periodicals will reveal a tremendous increase in missionary materials during the past year. This is true not only in the regular lesson treatment but also in the magazine section of the various periodicals. A careful survey of the periodicals reveals the rather astonishing fact that during 1931 there was a minimum of twenty-five definitely missionary features each month in the publications issued by the General Board of Christian Education.

4. Missionary Education through Special Materials

Another major task for the year has been the preparation of special materials. These materials range all the way from program manuals to promotion letters and leaflets. Here, as elsewhere, the Division of Extension and Missionary Education has had the fullest co-operation of the age-group divisions, and attention is called to this material here primarily to emphasize the fact that we have succeeded as never before in creating and developing all missionary educational materials issued by the General Board of Christian Education as a unified whole rather than in independent and unrelated sections. A list of the more important of these special materials follow:

Missionary Education in the Local Church.
Missionary Education of Children.
Missions and World Friendship.
Missionary Education and Christian Service.
The New Young People's Mission Special.
A Challenge to Adults.
The Missionary Special of the Sunday Schools.
Here and There (a two-page monthly publication distributed free of charge to workers in local church schools).
What the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise Is Now Doing (four-page folder and also a poster).

5. Missionary Education and the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise

As has been indicated above, the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise is the missionary special which, by action of the General Conference and by agreement with the Board of Missions, is the "special" of all classes, departments, and divisions of the local church school for the

present quadrennium. By agreement with the Board of Missions, some two hundred straight Board of Missions specials have been continued, and in a few instances where local conditions seemed to demand it, assignment of new Board of Missions specials has been made to local church schools during the year.

The Division of Extension and Missionary Education has given considerable time to assisting the conference offices in the promotion of the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise. The present method of handling the proceeds from this special is proving very effective, and with only an occasional exception the treasurer of this fund in each annual conference remits promptly each month. The total income from the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise for the fiscal year ending March 31 is $220,259.64. This compares favorably with that of last year, and, in the light of the decline in all other sources of income to the Church, we believe that this is a most remarkable showing.

We wish to call attention, however, to certain difficulties which we are meeting in our efforts at protecting the missionary gifts of the local church school for the purposes designated by the General Conference. In a number of annual conferences the pressure exerted by orphanages, hospitals, and sundry other institutions more or less under the control of the Church has made serious inroads upon the missionary gifts of the local church school. For example, during the month of January, 1932, the orphanage supported by two annual conferences made a direct appeal for a liberal offering from all classes, departments, and divisions of the local church school on the fourth Sunday. A similar appeal was made by the orphanage of another conference for the fourth Sunday offering in March.

Still another serious difficulty is encountered when local churches are urged by the Board of Missions to assume the support of direct missionary specials in excess of the quota of that church in the Kingdom Extension offering. In order to raise the large amount needed for this "special" there is oftentimes a serious temptation to enlist the local church school and other organizations within the church in the support of this church special. Naturally, this procedure undercuts the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise and adds to the confusion in the local church.

6. Relationships with Other Agencies

The Division of Extension and Missionary Education serves as the means through which much of the co-operation between the General Board of Christian Education and the General Board of Missions functions. The staff of the Board of Missions has been exceedingly cordial and co-

operative in all these relationships. Not only have we used the subcommittees of the general Committee on Co-operation and Counsel to good advantage, but through personal contacts from day to day we have been able to work together on a large number of common tasks. For example, much of the material which we supply lesson writers is secured through the Board of Missions. Then, in the accreditation of instructors for missions courses the Board of Missions assists us materially.

The director of the division represents the General Board of Christian Education on the Board of Managers of the Missionary Education Movement. The division is also represented in the Missionary Section of the International Council of Religious Education.

EXTENSION WORK IN THE HOMELAND

In co-operation with the Division of School Administration, a major emphasis during the year has been upon the plans for "reaching the unreached." Without exception the extension secretaries in the annual conferences have given major attention to this important item also. While accurate statistics are not available, we have reports of the organization of a large number of new Sunday schools. For example, in one district of an Annual Conference where over a period of two years a very definite program of reaching the neglected places has been sponsored by the Conference Board of Christian Education there has been an increase of more than two thousand in the local Church school enrolment of that district. In another district of that same Conference the Conference Board of Christian Education, through the Extension Secretary, led in a movement for extending the work of one "circuit" to its logical limits. This resulted in an actual increase in local Church school attendance of 300 per cent.

Financial difficulties in the annual conferences resulted in the necessity of combining the office of Extension Secretary and Executive Secretary in ten conferences. This number includes, of course, the western conferences, where this policy has been followed from the beginning.

Attention is called here to the danger which we face at this point. Annual conferences are in such desperate straits for funds that there is a temptation in many instances to use the funds which the General Conference expressly designated as available *only* for extension work for various and sundry purposes.

Out of that part of the proceeds from the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise which the General Conference set aside for extension work (4½ per cent) under the immediate direction of the General Board of Christian Edu-

cation, the General Board is making a direct appropriation to the support of the program of Christian education in the following conferences: Arizona, New Mexico, Pacific, Northwest, Illinois, and Kentucky. Without this direct help the employment of workers in these conferences would be impossible. On the whole, the men employed as Executive and Extension Secretaries in these conferences are rendering most effective service upon very limited resources.

There is need for a careful restudy of the entire situation in these conferences, especially in Arizona, Illinois, Pacific, and the Northwest. While the General Board of Christian Education should perhaps take the lead in this restudy, there is need for a greater degree of co-operation among all the agencies of the Church which are interested in, and which in most instances are making direct financial appropriations to, some form of work in these areas. Such a study should have as its major objective the correlation of these various forms of work.

The Division of Extension and Missionary Education seeks to help the Extension Secretaries in the annual conferences in a number of ways. Among other things we have supplied them during the year with a set of stereopticon slides illustrating the work now being done through the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise. As a part of the leadership training school program for next summer, Dr. Kenyon L. Butterfield, an outstanding authority on rural church work, has been secured for a two weeks' course at Mount Sequoyah on "The Church and Rural Relations." In the Leadership Schools at Lake Junaluska the director of the division and the secretary of the Department of Schools and Colleges are co-operating in offering a course on "The Program and Administration of Circuits," which we hope will not only prove of material help to the Extension Secretaries, but also that indirectly it will result in a material contribution by the General Board of Christian Education to the development of a more effective total program for our circuit churches.

Field contacts by the director and Miss Wilson, his associate, have included teaching in Pastors' Schools, Leadership Schools, Standard Schools, the holding of institutes in districts and in local churches, visitation of annual conferences, direct promotion of the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise in local churches, etc. The director has given more than one-half of his time to field work.

PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR

One year ago the following tasks were emphasized as being worthy of major consideration during the quadrennium:

1. The extension of adequate opportunities for Christian education to neglected and poorly churched communities throughout the territory of Southern Methodism.

2. Every earnest student of rural church problems today is discovering that the greatest single factor in the development of the country church is a vital and dynamic program of Christian education. The work begun by the Sunday School Board in preparing Programs of Work, training courses, and lesson materials especially suited to the needs of rural churches should be expanded until the needs of the smallest and most backward situations are met fully.

3. More effective training of ministers for service in rural areas.

4. The creation and development of a wholesome and dynamic missionary spirit in the rank and file of our constituency.

The experiences of the year just closing serve only to emphasize these problems. Some progress has been made, but much yet remains to be done. It is our sincere judgment that the Board of Christian Education should lead in all these areas with an even more vigorous and definite program.

Respectfully submitted. A. W. MARTIN, *Director.*
Division of Extension and Missionary Education.

Annual Report of the Division of Leadership Training

To the Secretary of the Department of the Local Church:

OUR TASK

The opportunity of and the need for the training program continue to be as large as the number of workers in the thousands of our local churches who are endeavoring to make Christ real in the experience of growing persons. In fulfilling this task leaders need a rich personal experience of Christ, an ever increasing understanding of what it means to be a Christian in everyday living, and the ability to help others grow to be effective Christian personalities. The training program is making its contribution along these lines, and there are many evidences that the effectiveness of local churches is being increased as officers and teachers participate in the study of training courses.

A review of the training curriculum will reveal that all phases of the Church's program are included in the courses. Hence there is help for pastors, superintendents, teachers, missionary workers, and all others who have places of leadership as well as enrichment values for the general Church membership.

DEVELOPMENTS

Since the 1931 meeting of the General Board certain developments have been made in the training program which are proving to be advantageous.

1. The Training Committee

This has become a subcommittee of the Committee on Curriculum and Program. It is composed of the Executive Staff as ex-officio members, the Training Division Staff, the Division Directors of the Local Church Department, and certain appointed members from all three of the departments. This gives the training program the benefit of the consideration of all the leaders of the General Board Staff, and is a significant forward step.

The matters that come before this committee are numerous and are far-reaching in their meaning for the training work. They include such items as the determination of courses, recommendations concerning texts and writers of texts, accreditation of instructors, and many matters of

policy. This has been an unusually important year for this committee in the restudy of the training program.

2. Reorganization of Courses

(1) Standard. Through the past fifteen years the training program has been developing along various lines until six groups of courses had been developed—namely, the Standard Training Course, the Standard Course in Bible Study, Course in Missionary and Social Studies, Methodist Young People's Training Course, Layman's Course in Bible and Christian Service, and Pastors' Course. For these a total of eleven awards were offered. Last fall the Training Committee gave prolonged and serious study to this phase of the work. Many adjustments were found to be necessary. It was no easy task to conserve all the interests concerned and at the same time merge six groups of courses into one well-planned training program. However, the desire to eliminate duplication of effort and the passion to make the training program serve in the most effective way resulted in a well-integrated Standard Leadership Training Curriculum offering only two awards.

This gives opportunity for all workers to take certain background courses which give a general interpretation of their task as Christians. For special study workers may choose one of five series of courses, according to the work they are doing—viz., Children's Division Series, Young People's Division Series, Adult Division Series, Missionary Leadership Series, and Pastors-General Officers' Series. The completion of twelve required and elective courses will result in the Leadership Diploma being awarded.

For those who desire to pursue their studies further a large number of courses is available. Upon completion of thirty-six required and elective courses the Diploma in Christian Education will be awarded.

In the reorganization of the training curriculum most of the former courses have been retained. Some have been modified to meet present needs and conditions, while some new courses have been developed.

(2) Cokesbury. Changes have also been made in the Cokesbury Course which will result in its reaching the small churches in a more effective manner. The Cokesbury texts have been reduced to 25,000 words with a consequent reduction in price. The minimum time schedule for classes has been placed at four hundred minutes of class work to be completed in not less than four days.

One new text is off the press, *The Christian's Religion: Its Meaning and Mission,* Ownbey. Two others are on the press: *What Is Teaching?* McLester, and *Educational Work of the Small Church,* Schisler. A writer has been invited

to prepare a text on the course, *Children in the Small Church.*

3. Accreditation of Instructors

One of the most important phases of the training program is in the accreditation of instructors. The success of the work depends very largely upon their ability to teach specific courses and the thoroughness with which they do their work. The system of accreditation on the basis of preparation of course plans has been of immeasurable benefit in this direction. This method is meeting with increased favor each year. Marked advance has been made recently with the agreement of some college professors and several outstanding pastors to prepare course plans in preparation for service in the training program.

Assistance is also being given to present instructors to help them become better teachers. Numerous expressions of appreciation have been received concerning the benefits of the aid rendered at this point.

The processes in this section of the training program require an immense amount of painstaking correspondence, but it is one of our most fruitful fields of work.

For 1931 nine hundred fifty-eight instructors were accredited for two thousand two hundred Standard courses and five hundred five for eight hundred twelve Cokesbury courses. Eliminating the one hundred thirty-nine who are accredited for both Standard and Cokesbury courses, there are one thousand three hundred twenty-four individuals accredited as instructors. The number of Educational Directors accredited at the present time is two hundred thirty-five.

4. Some Results of the Year's Work

This has been a joyous year filled with intense labor. Service has been rendered the Church in many ways. Three leaflets have been prepared by the Division: *Leadership Training in the Local Church, The Manual of Administration,* and *The Announcements of Courses.* Many promotional articles have been prepared for periodicals.

The routine of office work has been heavy, but the Training Staff has found it possible to spend three hundred fifty days in field service in twenty-five Annual Conferences. Most valuable contacts have been made in Standard Schools, Institutes, Interpreters' Conferences, Kingdom Extension Institutes, Annual Conference sessions, Young People's Training Conferences, Pastors' Schools, Leadership Schools, Young People's Assemblies, and International Council meetings. These opportunities have been used to

advantage in holding hundreds of personal conferences with individuals in all sections of the Church concerning the task of training a better leadership.

The finest spirit has prevailed in the personnel of the Division and much of the success of the work is due to the energy and efficiency of the young ladies who have carried heavy responsibilities as secretaries and stenographers.

The total program has been carried on with thirteen full-time employees and two others on a little more than half time, depending upon the need for help. This is a slight reduction as compared with the help used during 1930. But it cannot be reduced below this point without embarrassment to the work.

While every person on the staff is interested in the total program, specific responsibilities are allocated to each individual, which means much in the interest of efficiency. The associates in the Division who carry major phases of work with skill and effectiveness are: Rev. H. W. Williams, Supervision of Standard Schools and Classes; Rev. B. L. Schubel, Supervision of Accreditation of Instructors; Miss Frances C. McLester, Supervision of Correspondence and Office Manager; Miss Lucy Foreman, Supervision of Cokesbury Work.

The statistical reports are to be found in another section. The enrolment in Leadership Schools last summer was in excess of 1930 by one hundred thirty. In several items a decrease is shown compared with 1930. The economic situation had an effect upon the training work in various ways.

However, the first three months of 1932 show increases in several items compared with the same period last year. A larger number of Standard Schools has been held, and enrolments for supervised study have reached the highest point since 1929. The Standard Training Class is rapidly increasing in numbers.

The need for better-trained local church leaders is a reality in the Church, and the Training Division is seeking to meet this need in the service it renders. A significant challenge is before us at the present time.

Respectfully submitted.

J. FISHER SIMPSON, *Director.*
Division, Leadership Training.

Annual Report of the Secretary, Department of Schools and Colleges

To the General Secretary and members of the General Board of Christian Education:

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Complying with the suggestion that our reports be as brief as may be consistent with clarity of statement, I am submitting the report of the Department of Schools and Colleges under the three heads: Aims, Achievements, and Recommendations.

Aims for the Year

1. The development of the closest possible college student-local church relationship.

2. The promotion of (*a*) college student-local church young people's conferences, and (*b*) state-wide student conferences, with a view of discovering the possibilities of each.

3. The establishment of fully standardized Departments of Religion in all of our colleges, both senior and junior.

4. A clearer understanding of the meaning of life service and the responsibility of the Department of Schools and Colleges for its promotion.

5. A more helpful program of campus visitation.

6. The closer integration of Pastors' Schools with the whole Leadership Training program of the Church.

7. To assist our Conferences and colleges in certain states, where there seems to be college overlapping, to the best possible correlation or merger of some of our educational institutions.

8. To interpret and make more effective the College Day legislation.

9. The development of *Christian Education Magazine* into the best possible promotional medium for the sixty-five universities, colleges, and schools of our Church.

10. The careful articulation of courses being offered in the Departments of Religion in our colleges with graduate work in our Schools of Theology, Conference Courses of Study for young preachers, and certain Leadership Courses offered by the General Board.

What Has Been Accomplished

1. Definite progress can be reported in the development of a more completely unified program for college-local church young people in college communities. The attitude of both college and local church leaders at this point is encouraging. The literature sent out by the three departments of the Board has been especially helpful. Also, the General Board Staff members, Conference field workers, and college administrators have rendered valuable service in promoting a better spirit of unity between our colleges and the local churches supporting them.

During the year two Leadership courses were worked out to assist in carrying forward this emphasis: "Church Work for College Students" and "Church-Student Relations." These courses were given both at Mount Sequoyah and at Lake Junaluska in the summer of 1931.

2. To help in achieving this same goal two types of Young People's Conferences have been promoted by the Department during the year: (*a*) Young People's Conferences made up of college students and local church young people meeting together for the consideration of religious interests and problems common to young people. Mr. Walter Towner, Director of Young People's Division, Department of the Local Church, and Dr. J. M. Culbreth, Director of the Wesley Foundation, co-operated in the promotion of these Conferences. Four were held, one at Central College, Missouri, and three in the colleges within the bounds of the South Georgia Conference. (*b*) State-wide Student Conferences were held in Mississippi, Texas, Virginia, and South Carolina. Both types of conferences proved their value, but just what emphasis shall be given as between the two for the future is not now clear.

3. The Department is definitely committed to the policy of establishing Standard Departments of Religion in all our church colleges. To encourage our colleges in this work, the General Board has been making appropriations for the support of these departments. During the year the requirements for such departments for our four-year colleges have been carefully revised and are being submitted herewith for adoption by the General Board. The only departure being proposed for this program in the future is the establishment of Standard Departments of Religion for Junior Colleges also. Hitherto the General Board has co-operated with appropriations for these departments in our Standard Senior Colleges only. The proposal to establish Standard Departments of Religion in Junior Colleges is being presented as a matter for the approval of the Board.

4. On September 1, 1931, Mr. Joe Brown Love was called to the Department as Director of the Division of

Life Service and Assistant in the work of the Wesley Foundation. Mr. Love and those co-operating with him have given considerable time to defining the scope of this work and revising the list of Life Service candidates on file with the Board. This work has been exceedingly difficult because of the vagueness which obtains in this field, and because it is becoming much harder to place even well-prepared Life Service candidates in fields of service for which they are prepared. A more detailed account of the work of this Division will be found elsewhere in this report.

5. Last October the staff of the Department worked out carefully a program to be followed in the work of Campus Visitation. The Director of the Wesley Foundation and his Assistant in their visits to the colleges have endeavored to carry out the aims of the General Board in its united approach to its task, and the special emphases which the Department is now making toward the realization of a larger oneness in interest and program between college young people and the other young people of our local churches. In going to campuses, therefore, it has been the aim to make the approach through the Conference Executive Secretary, the pastor, and the Local Church Board of Christian Education, as well as through college leaders. The response to this approach, for the most part, has been quite encouraging. Some work yet needs to be done in bringing both the college and local church leaders to see the possibilities of college students taking a larger place in the local churches in college communities.

6. Pastors' Schools have become one of the most important phases of our work. In 1931 fourteen regular Pastors' Schools were held; 127 Pastors' School courses were offered; 1,352 received graduate credits. There were approximately 315 auditors. Several of these schools offered Conference Courses for undergraduates. The Department, also, co-operated in three Conference-wide Training Schools.

During the year the Pastors' Schools have been more definitely articulated with the Leadership Training Program of the Church. The *Manual of Administration,* published by the Committee on Leadership Training of the General Board, at some length presents this more completely unified plan. In addition to this, the Department of Schools and Colleges has published and sent to the workers in the field a *Pastors' School Manual,* which sets forth the specific features of these schools and their relation to other phases of the training program. The same number of Pastors' Schools has been planned for 1932 as was held in 1931. The interest in this phase of our work is most gratifying.

7. The present economic crisis has brought serious difficulties to many of our colleges. In several states the Conferences and colleges have undertaken steps to solve their problems co-operatively. Closer correlation or mergers have been seriously considered in Kentucky, West Virginia, Mississippi, and South Carolina. In other states, as Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, and Texas, attention is being given to the possibilities of a very much closer type of co-operation. This Department is giving such assistance in guidance and money as it can in this matter. Some progress can be reported, although the difficulties encountered, growing out of sentiments, loyalties, etc., of long standing, have made impossible any definite and final action in any of the states mentioned above.

8. The staff of this Department has given considerable time to the interpretation of College Day legislation and the making of this more effective in the local churches of the connection. Certain recommendations concerning the distribution of College Day funds have been brought to the attention of the Executive Committee of the Board, and have received favorable action. The Secretary of the Department recently has assembled these interpretations and recommendations, and, also, statements from officers and staff members of the General Board, and published them in an attractive *College Day Manual* for use in our local churches. Judging from the responses already coming in from the field, the *Manual,* with its interpretations, statements, and suggestions, is being enthusiastically received and should render a real service in helping our colleges and local churches to a better understanding of their mutual responsibilities.

9. *Christian Education Magazine* is the chief promotional literature agency of the Department. About eight thousand copies are issued six times per year. Other bulletins and leaflets are published from time to time to meet specific needs, but the *Magazine* continues to give the Church a cross-section of the program of the Department. Recently the Secretary of Education of the Southern Presbyterian Church requested one hundred copies of the *Magazine* for distribution in his denomination.

10. At the Board meeting last year a special committee was created to study the relation which should exist between courses offered in Standard Departments of Religion in our colleges, the work done in our schools of theology, and the Conference Courses of Study for young preachers. During the year it became apparent that all of these matters, also, bear a direct relation to the Leadership Training program of the Church. The Executive Staff, therefore, recommends that J. Q. Schisler, Miss

Frances McLester, and J. Fisher Simpson, of the Department of the Local Church, be added to this committee. The committee has held no meetings, but the need for a careful survey of this whole field and for certain adjustments to be made in the matter of courses to avoid overlapping, or to articulate them more perfectly, is becoming increasingly apparent. It is hoped that the committee may find it possible to go into this very important phase of our work at an early date. Scarcity of funds for the promotion of this survey has delayed matters so far.

Schools of Theology

Our Church is definitely committed to the policy of a well-educated ministry. A minimum of two years of college work, or its equivalent, is required of candidates for admission on trial. Information on 304 of those admitted into our annual conferences in 1931 and in 1932 reveal the fact that from 53 per cent to 60 per cent of them have had seminary training. The tendency in this direction is marked and points to an increasing interest in theological training.

Our schools of theology at Emory University and Southern Methodist University are probably doing the best work of their history. Student enrolment is holding up even in the face of difficulties encountered by our young preachers in gaining admission into our crowded annual conferences. Income, however, has sharply decreased. The two "schools this year will receive less than $50,000 out of an apportionment of $130,000 from both the Benevolences and the Kingdom Extension Offering." Obviously, it will require heroic and sacrificing service upon the part of the deans and faculties of these institutions to keep this work going on the same high level as formerly. Our Church must not fail them in this time of their serious need.

Correspondence Schools

In co-operation with our Schools of Theology at Emory University and at Southern Methodist University, the Board continues to promote two Correspondence Schools. By charging a small fee these schools have been able to finance themselves and have been doing excellent work. The last General Conference passed legislation to the effect that the bulk of the work for undergraduates must be done in these schools. The total enrolment in the Correspondence School at Emory University last year was 432; at Southern Methodist University was 270; total, 702.

The reports from these institutions indicate that the students enrolled in these schools are doing very satisfac-

tory work. The co-operation of Bishops, Presiding Elders, and Conference Committees on Examination are asked to give generous co-operation to those schools in carrying forward this important program.

Action on the recommendations submitted in connection with this report, may be found elsewhere in the Yearbook.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. Alexander.

Secretary Department Schools and Colleges.

Annual Report of the Director of the Wesley Foundation

To the Secretary of the Department of Schools and Colleges:

The aims of the Wesley Foundation for the year just closing have been: (*a*) To determine the function of the Foundation; (*b*) to find out what organization was required; (*c*) to establish the relationships of the Foundation in the total scheme of education in the Church; and (*d*) to promote the establishment of the work of the Foundation in the schools and colleges of the South. How have these aims been realized?

FUNCTION

By theory and practice, it has been demonstrated that the function of the Wesley Foundation is to bridge the distance between the Church and the college student. Unquestionably it is needed for that purpose. Without it the Church is either largely out of touch with the college students or seriously lacking in facilities for meeting student needs. Without it the student lacks the incentive, as well as adequate opportunities, to relate himself constructively to the Church. The majority of students do not become related to the Church through the means usually employed. They do, however, become involved in all sorts of campus interests. The Wesley Foundation makes the Church a campus interest of the student. Whether he joins a group which meets at the church or not, through the Wesley Foundation he may be made to feel that he is a part of the life of the Church, as that life challenges him and ministers to him on the campus.

ORGANIZATION

A number of experiments have been conducted to discover how much organization and what kind of organization is needed to do the work of the Wesley Foundation. Desiring to utilize as largely as possible the machinery already provided by the Church, a plan has been proposed by which the Wesley Foundation is made a feature of the Young People's Department of the Local Church. This is accomplished by setting up a committee within the Young People's Department called the Wesley Foundation Council.

This Council becomes the bond between the Church and the student, communicating the influence of the Church to the students on the campus and drawing large numbers of students into the activities of the local church.

Rather wide experience has shown, however, that, though so simple in structure, this plan is beset with difficulties. First of all, in many college communities Young People's Departments do not exist. Even where one has been organized, the set-up is often not adapted to serve the religious interest of college students as when the president and leading officers of the department are high-school students, or when young persons whose acquaintance with college students is sharply limited are in control. Still another weakness is that the Council as thus constituted may be thought of as restricted to activities in the local church to the neglect of interests centered on the campus. Any student activity is effective in proportion to its identification with the campus.

With these considerations in mind, therefore, it is suggested that an alternative plan of relationship with the local church may be found desirable.

THE RELATIONSHIPS OF THE WESLEY FOUNDATION

As the Wesley Foundation, whatever form the organization may assume, is designed to fit into the program of the local church, it is to be understood that it is dependent upon the Local Church Board of Christian Education in co-operation with the General Board and the Annual Conference Board for sanction, support, and modification.

As no appropriation for Wesley Foundation work can be made without the recommendation of the Annual Conference Board of Christian Education, it is understood that the Annual Conference Board, with the aid of the Executive Secretary, shall investigate, supervise, and promote the interest of the Wesley Foundation and secure and allot funds for the support of the Foundation.

The General Board of Christian Education fosters and promotes the Wesley Foundation, provides financial support, program material, and personnel supervision, and seeks to harmonize and unify the efforts of the Local Church Board and the Annual Conference Board with its aims and methods.

A full statement of these relationships will be found on page 7 of the *Wesley Foundation Manual.*

The relation of the Wesley Foundation to religious agencies other than those of the Church itself, such as the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., has been pretty definitely settled.

The Foundation maintains practical co-operation with these student organizations both as to campus activities and field work and also as to state and summer conference programs. It seeks to supplement and reinforce the work of the Association, while at the same time it employs the resources of the Association in the effort to realize many of its own aims.

PROMOTION

By way of promoting the Wesley Foundation the General Board has undertaken with encouraging success the following enterprises:

Two training courses in Wesley Foundation work have been prepared, and were offered at the Summer Training Conferences at Mount Sequoyah and Lake Junaluska. These courses are now being developed under the Committee on Leadership Training of the General Board.

The work of the Foundation was brought prominently before the Religious Education section of the Christian Education Council at its meeting in December-January.

Extensive field work has been conducted. Mr. Joe Brown Love has covered the Southwest and the South, while I have taken the territory from Arkansas-Missouri to Virginia and down the Atlantic seaboard to Florida.

A number of student-young people's conferences have been held in the interest of the work of the Foundation. One for North Texas was a joint affair, sponsored equally by the Christian Associations, the Student Volunteer Movement, and the General Board of Christian Education. One held in Missouri included young people from many pastoral charges and students of Central College. Three, held in Georgia, enrolled young people from pastoral charges and students from the colleges in the bounds of the South Georgia Conference. Three distinctively student conferences were held, respectively, in Mississippi, South Carolina, and Virginia. Oklahoma, Florida, and Alabama desired to inaugurate student conferences, but lack of resources compelled postponement of the program.

Greatly reduced income has forced the withdrawal of ten appropriations, reducing the number of supported programs at present to twenty-two, with twenty-four workers. The Board, has, however, helped to keep the work going in these ten instances without an appropriation.

Respectfully submitted. J. M. CULBRETH,
Secretary, Division of the Wesley Foundation.

Annual Report of the Director of the Division of Promotion

To the Secretary of the Department of Schools and Colleges:

The statement of purpose and objectives set forth in the report of this Division a year ago is still apropos. During the year the large purpose of helping to establish a Christian education-mindedness on the part of all our people has been constantly held in view as efforts have been exerted to realize such objectives as: a better understanding by the local church of the Church college and its services and needs and, conversely, a better appreciation by the church college of the relation it should hold to the local church in our unified program of Christian education.

PROMOTION OF COLLEGE DAY

One extension of our efforts to promote College Day has been the establishment of co-operative relations with the editors of all the periodicals of the Church, whereby space in their respective periodicals is made available to us for enrichment material, College Day suggestions, and general promotional articles. We feel that the channeling of the College Day emphasis through not only the regular periodicals of our Board, but through the *Christian Advocate,* the *World Outlook,* the *Methodist Layman,* and the *Church Bulletin,* as well, will necessarily increase the amount of attention given to the occasion in the local church.

We are continuing the policy mentioned last year of making the May number of *Christian Education Magazine* a special College Day number. The practice of preparing a worship program to be carried in the *Church School Magazine* and designed for use particularly in Sunday schools with combined departments is still in effect, and these programs are prepared in the office of this Division.

Efforts are being made by means of personal letters to the Executive Secretaries the more completely to enlist their co-operation and activity in the interest of a wider observance of College Day than was realized last year in their respective Conferences.

That College Day bids fair to be observed in a much larger number of local churches this year than last is due, in no small measure, to the "gentlemen's agreement" pro-

posed a few months ago by the Department Secretary, approved by the Executive Committee, and acceded to by college authorities and Conference Board officials. By this agreement a small amount of the offering is diverted from the prescribed channels and made available to the Conference Board bearing expenses of College Day promotion in the bounds of the Annual Conference. The *College Day Manual,* compiled by the Department Secretary and recently off the press, is meeting a real need in furthering the interests of College Day.

PROMOTION OF THE QUARTERLY EDUCATION PROGRAM

With the exception of its being carried forward upon a smaller scale the promotion of this occasion very closely parallels the promotion of College Day. The same plan in regard to use of space in the periodicals of the Church is regularly in effect, and a worship program with a special Church college slant is prepared each fifth Sunday and is carried in the *Church School Magazine.* In addition, a detailed article in *Christian Education Magazine* gives information as to what materials are easily available in current periodicals and as to where the materials may be found. It is our hope and belief that this regular presentation of the interests of the Church college to the membership of the local church will be effective in the encouragement of a mutual understanding between the college and the Church of the two most powerful allies in our educational task.

OTHER PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS

Special Leaflet. A small leaflet, prepared in concise and excellent style by President J. N. Hillman under the caption, "What the Local Church Can Do for the Church College," was printed in January to the extent of several thousand copies and distributed at cost to the colleges.

Liberal Arts College Movement Literature. Certain pieces of literature, issued by "The Liberal Arts College Movement," have been purchased from time to time in small quantities and distributed to the colleges and to selected, pivotal individuals.

Clip Sheet Campus News Service. With the co-operation of the Secular Press Bureau, the Clip Sheet Service has been continued, a four-page mimeographed bulletin going out every other Wednesday to Conference organs, daily papers, and to each of our colleges, and carrying news from our various campuses.

Colleges Featured in Christian Education Magazine. For the past several months it has been an editorial and

Department policy to feature one of the stronger and more outstanding of our schools in each number of *Christian Education Magazine*. We are glad to give our colleges this well-merited recognition, and, in addition, the plan provides a vehicle for presenting in a concrete and more or less attractive manner the distinctive advantages and contributions of the Church college.

OTHER DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR

Within recent months it has been the privilege of the Director of this Division not only to engage in distinctly promotional work as outlined above, but to participate in certain other interests of the Board as well. He has taught in one Standard Training School, worked with Dr. B. Warren Brown, of Chicago, in the compilation of data for the Mississippi Survey of Methodist Colleges, and has met, as the representative of the Department, with the State Educational Commissions of South Carolina and Georgia in their consideration of the college problems of Southern Methodism in those states.

Respectfully submitted. BOYD M. MCKEOWN,
Director, Division of Promotion.

Annual Report of the Director of the Division of Life Service

To the Secretary of the Department of Schools and Colleges:

THE SET-UP OF THE DIVISION OF LIFE SERVICE

The Division of Life Service was set up and the Director of this new Division assumed his duties on September 1, 1931. One of the first problems has been the clearer definition of the purpose and task of this Division, its relation to other Divisions and Boards, and the clarification of the policy and methods which it should adopt. This has been essential because it is a new Division, taking over various phases of the work previously cared for by other divisions and interboard committees, and because it proposes to move into a more expanded field in life-guidance work than has been possible heretofore. In this task the Director of the Division of Life Service has tried to keep in close touch with the staff on the various divisions of each department and board which would have some concern in the matter, and has worked under the counsel of the regular Life Service Committee of the General Staff. Also, the Director has tried to keep in close touch with pastors and other leaders throughout the Church and with students and other young people whom the Church should be reaching. This has been done in the hope that plans which might be made would bear directly on the real needs in the field. At the same time, in so far as possible, there has been an exchange of plans and suggestions with other denominations and agencies which are attempting some special work along this line. In this we have in mind the working out of a more thorough plan of co-operation in this phase of the program of the Church, believing that this will make our efforts more effective.

Program of the Division

The Director of the Division of Life Service has given a large part of his time to the work of the Wesley Foundation and has assisted the Director of that Division in college visitation. In these visits to some forty colleges and the churches serving these college communities and also as a speaker or leader in a number of student con-

ferences, numerous opportunities have been furnished for personal counseling of students and young people in regard to their various problems, especially in the matter of choosing their life-work. Also in some cases there has been an opportunity to be of some assistance in encouraging and building a more intensive and effective local program in line with the growing need in this field of life-guidance. In fact, wherever possible the greatest emphasis was placed upon the building of this local program, for it is at this point that most of the work must be done. Pastors and other leaders must assume their full responsibility if real work is to be carried on. This is true especially in regard to our Church colleges. These must lead out more definitely in this field by incorporating into their administration and curriculum a more intelligent recognition of this problem and a more adequate provision for meeting these needs.

The files heretofore kept by the Inter-Board Life Service Bureau were taken over by this Division, and after extensive correspondence the list of Christian Service volunteers is being brought up to date and these names reclassified. New declaration of purpose cards and report blanks have been drawn up, which will be of assistance in the cultivation and guidance of those who plan to go into Christian service as their vocation. Follow-up work with these volunteers involves much personal correspondence, but this has been somewhat limited by a lack of sufficient time and financial resources. It is hoped that the leaders in the summer conferences and assemblies will recognize the conditions which now prevail, and will provide a more adequate program which will be consistent with the needs in this field. It is necessary that we reach those who have volunteered with an intelligent guidance in the carrying on of their plans. Also it is highly desirable that additional names which come in will come from those who have a clear understanding of what is involved in their declaration.

Purposes and Plans of the Division

An attempt has been made, both in the field and in the publications of the Church, to define the meaning of life-service, to point out the directions in which our program must develop, to emphasize the need for guidance in this field, to describe the present need in the vocations included under the service of the Church, and to present the call to Christian service which comes to each person whatever his occupation may be. It is becoming more and more urgent that the Church in each phase of its program must meet the needs and problems which are confronting its youth

by providing more intelligent counsel which can prove effective in the face of these problems. A more thorough awakening of the leadership in each situation and a more adequate training of this leadership are essential. This must be supplemented by information and other material made available in usable form for the inspiration and education of both leaders and young people. This is true not only for those who are going into the ministry or some other work directly under the employ of the Church, but also it is true for those who plan to go into some other business or profession and desire to make it more Christian. The Director of the Life Service Division is making an attempt to provide pamphlet material and a bibliography which will be of assistance to both leaders and young people in some of the various needs and aspects found in this problem of life-placement and life-guidance. Also, along with secretaries of other agencies, he is investigating the possibilities for training in the technique of counseling for leaders in Church and college communities.

Wherever the Director has had any contact he has found a deep sense of need at this point, both in regard to method and also in the lack of material. In almost every case he has found a very enthusiastic response to the suggestion that the Church might provide something more definite in this field. In the face of this need those who recognize it would make the urgent recommendation that the Church assume its rightful responsibility in this phase of its program.

Respectfully submitted. JOE BROWN LOVE,
Director, Division of Life Service.

Annual Report of the Treasurer

To the General Secretary and Members of the General Board of Christian Education:

I have the honor to present to you the first annual report of the Treasurer of your Board. The report which I made to you a year ago was for only seven months. This report is for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1932.

It gives me pleasure to state that the financial results were as satisfactory as could have been expected in view of the great economic depression which reduced the income of the Board for current expenses at least $38,000 below the estimate upon which the year's budget was made in April, 1931. There was a corresponding reduction in receipts for all the special funds of the board, including students' loan funds and the apportionments for the two schools of theology. Of course the Board could not have come to the end of the year without a large deficit if there had not been periodic downward revisions of the budget. These reductions were made at the cost of tremendous loss in service to the Church by the various agencies of the Board, but in no other way could expenditures be held within income.

Audit

The General Secretary of the Board employed Grannis-Blair Audit Company to make a general audit of my books for the year ending March 31, 1932. I am transmitting to you their report, consisting of Exhibits A, B, and C and Tables 1-13. I call your attention especially to the Consolidated Balance Sheet as of March 31, 1932, to the Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the year, and to the Budget Appropriations and Expenditures, which are Exhibit A and Tables 9 and 11.

Invested Securities

The Auditors' report gives a complete list of the Board's invested securities. The report shows $128,898.24 invested in bonds, $80,960.60 in real estate first mortgages, and $200 in stocks. Four blocks of bonds totaling $15,000 and the $200 in stock have defaulted in interest payment, but we are advised that most of it will, in time, be paid. One real estate mortgage loan amounting to $6,460 has defaulted in two years' interest, but it has not seemed advisable at this time to foreclose and take over the farm,

which consists of 1,000 acres in Faulkner County, Arkansas.

The money invested in bonds yielded an average last year of 4.93 per cent interest, while the mortgage loans yielded an average of 5.08 per cent. In the light of what is happening to all invested funds throughout the country, this is not a bad showing, though it is regrettable that any default in interest has occurred.

Annuities

The Board has only $13,223.67 in annuities, on which it pays 7 per cent annually to two annuitants. This money (except $223.67) is invested, $5,000 yielding 7 per cent and $8,000 yielding 6 per cent. Under present economic conditions it is doubtful if the Board should agree to pay as much as 7 per cent on any additional annuities which might be offered it. In fact, the whole question of annuities should be studied carefully before adopting any general policy of solicitation for them.

Student Loans

During the year the Board loaned $13,085 to 143 students in 41 colleges and universities as compared to $23,-064.25 to 215 students the year before. The large falling off in receipts from former beneficiaries and a slight reduction in income from interest on principal of loan funds account for this reduction. Normally there should be an increase each year in amount available for loans to students.

In addition to its own loan funds the Board has for a number of years been administering Conference student loan funds for the South Carolina, the Upper South Carolina, and the Western North Carolina Conferences, and these have been included each year in the auditor's report. During the year the South Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences have taken over the administration of their funds, and I have sent to the treasurers of their Boards of Christian Education the students' notes and the cash to the credit of their respective funds: To South Carolina Conference, $12,072 in notes and $56.33 in cash; to Western North Carolina Conference, $528.16 in notes and $130 in cash. This will account for the fact that the auditor reports only $103,546.85 now on hand in students' notes, while a year ago he reported notes amounting to $112,342.61.

Last year the Board modified the rules under which loans are made to students. We are now making no loans to students below the sophomore year, and the provision by

which students were allowed the privilege of repaying their loans in service has been eliminated. While it seems to be impossible to administer students' loan funds in an entirely satisfactory manner, we believe that, with the co-operation of college officials, we are now doing this more efficiently and more satisfactorily than ever before.

Many of the students' notes now on hand should be charged off for one reason or another. I recommend that authority be given the Executive Staff to do this. This has never been done but once and that was five years ago.

It is not surprising that there was an increased number of applications for credit for service during the year just ended. Decreased pastors' salaries have increased the number of those entitled to such credit. During the year loans amounting to $3,943.82 were repaid in service as compared to $2,380 for the preceding twelve months.

Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise

THE RECEIPTS from the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise have been quite gratifying in view of the general decline in all other receipts from Annual Conferences. During the year the Board received from this source $220,259.64. During the seven months ending March 31, 1931, the receipts were $64,473.06. These figures show that there has been a substantial increase in average monthly remittances. The largest monthly payment was in November, when the receipts amounted to $29,921.29.

Conference Boards' Budgets

AT ITS MEETING a year ago the Board requested your Treasurer to ascertain from the treasurers of the Conference Boards of Education comparative statistics on annual expenditures by the three old Conference Boards and the new merged Board of Christian Education. An effort was made to do this by sending to the Conference Executive Secretaries a carefully prepared blank asking for the amount expended by each of the three old Boards in 1929-30 (the last year of their operation) and the amount expended by the new Board of Christian Education in 1930-31. In a number of Conferences this information was not obtainable from either the Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education or the Conference Journal. Furthermore, some reported only administration expenses, while others reported all expenditures, including appropriations made by the Board. The twenty-four Conferences from which fairly satisfactory information could be obtained reported a total of $568,754 expended by their three Boards in 1929-30 as compared to $510,976 expended by

their Boards of Christian Education in 1930-31. However, because of the incompleteness and inaccuracy of some of the reports received, I would not recommend that much significance be attached to these figures. From the very nature of the case a satisfactory comparison at this point is difficult to make.

The Service Department

The Service Department continues to do a large volume of work. At different times during the year the Manager of that Department has called attention to the unprecedented and surprisingly large number of orders for literature which have come to him in a single mail or in one week.

Following is a comparative statement of certain phases of the work of this Department:

	Sept. 1, 1930 to Mch. 31, 1931	April 1, 1931 to Mch. 31, 1932
Pieces of literature sent out	884,822	1,387,507
Pages mimeographed	303,010	396,345
Requisitions filled, amounting to	$6,889 94	$10,793 53

The Board begins the year 1932-33 with a cash balance of $56,831.88. But the most of this belongs to special funds and is not available for current expenses. For maintenance expense the Department of the Local Church had on April 1, 1932, $26,752.60, while the Department of Schools and Colleges had a deficit of $13,155.38. It will be necessary for the Board to authorize the General Secretary and Treasurer to borrow sufficient funds to carry on during the summer.

On the following six pages are certain exhibits taken from the auditor's report.

Respectfully submitted. W. E. Hogan, *Treasurer.*

GRANNIS-BLAIR AUDIT COMPANY

NASHVILLE, TENN.

APRIL 15, 1932.

To the Executive Committee,
General Board of Christian Education,
M. E. Church, South,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the direction of Dr. William F. Quillian, General Secretary, we have audited the books and records of your Treasurer, Mr. W. E. Hogan, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1932, and herewith present our report setting forth the financial position of the Board and other relative schedules.

We have verified the cash balances, investment bonds, mortgage loans, students' loans, and other securities called for by the books, and in our opinion, the balance sheets designated Exhibits A, B, and C correctly portray the financial condition of the Board and its departments on March 31, 1932. Other schedules presented set forth in detail and in summary all transactions for the period under review.

We also verified the cash received and disbursed by Mr. A. L. Dietrich through the Service Department, and the item shown on the Consolidated Balance Sheet under the caption "SERVICE DEPARTMENT" in the amount of $362.25, represents the cash in bank to the credit of that department on March 31, 1932.

Based upon our examination and the data submitted us for audit, we *certify* that, in our opinion, all the funds of the Board have been properly accounted for, both as to receipts and disbursements, and that the accompanying statements are true and correct summaries of transactions for the year ended March 31, 1932.

The fidelity bond covering the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Cashier was presented to us for inspection.

If there is further information desired on the accounts, not comprehended in this report, we will be glad to have you advise. We wish to express our appreciation of the courtesies shown us during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly.

GRANNIS-BLAIR AUDIT COMPANY,
BY J. A. GRANNIS, C. P. A.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31, 1932

Assets

Cash in bank and on hand	$ 56,851 88	
Warrants receivable	20 00	
Stocks owned	1,050 00	
Accounts and Funds Pending	2,303 63	
Annuity, Endowment, and Loan Fund investments	328,405 69	
Permanent assets—depreciated	138,840 77	
Service Department	362 25	
Total assets		$527,834 22

Liabilities

Accounts and funds pending	$ 35,208 71	
Notes payable—due banks	2,300 00	
Donation for Industrial School	25,000 00	
Annuity, Endowment and Loan Funds	336,141 43	
Service Department	362 25	
Net assets	128,821 83	
Total liabilities		$527,834 22

Balance Sheet as of March 31, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL CHURCH

Assets

Cash in Banks		$ 57,785 97	
Stocks Owned		1,050 00	
Accounts and Funds Pending		1,715 64	
Permanent Assets			
Buildings—Lake Junaluska	$ 62,800 00		
Mt. Sequoyah	15,000 00		
Camp Paraphernalia and Site	5,577 23		
Equipment—Lake Junaluska	5,203 70		
Office Furniture and Fixtures—Nashville	15,274 44		
Victor Outfit	55 00		
	$103,910 37		
Less—Reserve for Depreciation	5,356 18		
	$ 98,554 19		
Real Estate—Lake Junaluska	12,613 16	$111,167 35	
Total Assets			$171,718 96

Liabilities

Accounts and Funds Pending	$ 30,723 16	
Notes Payable—Due Banks	2,300 00	
Net Assets	138,695 80	
		$171,718 96

Balance Sheet as of March 31, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Assets

Annuity, Endowment and Loan Fund Investments			
Mortgage Loans		$ 80,960 60	
Bonds		128,898 24	
Students' Notes		103,546 85	
Invested by Institutions Direct		15,000 00	$328,405 69
Permanent Assets			
Office Furniture and Fixtures	$ 2,952 53		
Less—Reserve for Depreciation	279 11		
	$ 2,673 42		
Real Estate—Wildwood Farm	25,000 00		27,673. 42
Warrants Receivable			20 00
Accounts and Funds Pending			587 99
Net Liabilities			9,873 97
Total Assets			$366,561 07

Liabilities

Annuity, Endowment and Loan Funds			$336,141 43
Accounts and Funds Pending			
General Commission on Benevolences	$ 4,182 34		
Wildwood Farm—Operating	303 21		4,485 55
Donation for Industrial School			25,000 00
Cash Overdraft			934 09
Total Liabilities			$366,561 07

Cash Receipts and Disbursements for Year Ended March 31, 1932

Balance on hand April 1, 1931			$ 70,264 01
Add—Receipts			
From Conferences:			
Local Church	$103,451 49		
Schools and Colleges	57,437 27		
Theological Schools	36,860 98		
Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise	220,259 64		
Epworth League Mission Specials	25,921 63	$443,931 01	
Interest on:			
Bank Balances and Florida Note	972 84		
Mortgage Loans	4,112 92		
Investment Bonds	6,354 20		
Student Loans	212 75	11,652 71	
Payments on Student Loans		8,935 60	
Payments on Mortgage Loans		1,500 00	
Bonds Sold		36,907 42	
Gain on Bonds Sold		1,866 58	
Christian Education Movement		6 00	
College Day		325 62	
Emergency Gifts		1,583 29	
Inter-Board Life Service Commission		385 00	
G. A. Radford for Work at State and Church Schools		2,700 00	
Anniversary Day		1,880 77	
Voluntary Kingdom Extension Offering		49,530 95	
Sale of Stamped Envelopes		1,130 11	
Notes Receivable—Florida Conference		1,800 00	
Adult Class Messenger		1,871 67	
Bond Premiums		230 13	
Cafeteria and Dormitory Operations		4,142 66	
Foreign Special		321 55	
Lamar & Whitmore for Division of Leadership Training		36,600 00	
Mount Sequoyah Building Fund		582 82	
Quarterly Bulletin		609 12	
Service Department—Programs of Work		459 45	
Sunday School Mission Specials—10%		2,363 91	
Supervised Study by Correspondence		405 25	
Southern Assembly		280 00	
Total Receipts			612,001 62
Total to be accounted for			$682,265 63

Deduct—Disbursements

Appropriations:		
Local Church	$180,769 59	
Schools and Colleges	77,421 09—	$258,190 68
Loans to Students		13,085 00
Service Credits on C.W.E.A.F. Notes		3,943 82
Warrant in lieu of cash		20 00
Bonds Purchased:		
Christian Workers' Educational Aid Fund	$ 39,317 94	
Endowment Fund	1,000 00—	40,317 94
Mortgage Loans Purchased:		
Christian Workers' Educational Aid Fund	$ 500 00	
T. W. King Loan Fund	8,000 00—	8,500 00
Old South Carolina Conference Loan Fund		28 60
South Carolina Conference Loan Fund		56 33
Western North Carolina Conference Loan Fund		130 00
Christian Education Movement		915 00
Annuity Interest Paid		1,002 99
Theological Schools:		
From Conference Apportionments	$ 36,860 98	
From Kingdom Extension	12,107 09—	48,968 07
Voluntary Kingdom Extension Offering—Expense		3,507 72
Stamped Envelopes		541 20
Equipment—Lake Junaluska		178 70
Furniture and Fixtures—Nashville		554 93
Adult Class Messenger		2,789 49
Arizona Special		75 00
Bond Premiums		230 13
Cafeteria and Dormitory Operations		2,679 11
Foreign Special		18,628 05
Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise —4½%		7,203 47
Mount Sequoyah Building Fund		668 56
Quarterly Bulletin		3 50
Service Department—Programs of Work		135 89
Southern Assembly		798 90
Spanish Texts		388 50
Supervised Study by Correspondence		250 17
Epworth League Mission Special		21,905 20
Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise—To Conferences 40½%	$ 89,193 57	
To Board of Missions—45%	99,128 24—	188,321 81
Work at State and Church Schools—Epworth League		1,394 99
Total Disbursements		625,413 75
Balance on March 31, 1932		$ 56,851 88

Receipts from Conferences for Year Ended March 31, 1932

Conference	Local Church	Schools and Colleges	Theological Schools	Home and Foreign Mission Enterprises.	Epworth League Mission Specials
Alabama	$ 2,442 72	$ 1,356 23	$ 868 34	$ 5,687 05	$ 387 10
Arizona	172 90	96 00	61 47	1,202 65	251 77
Baltimore	5,493 79	3,050 21	1,952 00	3,649 70	1,992 61
Belgium	35 16	19 54	12 50	.....	.....
Central Texas	3,837 71	2,130 74	1,325 14	7,404 88	888 50
Cuba	.....	.....	.....	.....	145 39
Florida	2,264 48	1,257 13	804 67	15,444 75	1,882 67
Holston	4,557 25	2,530 25	1,620 00	7,358 69	767 90
Illinois	234 69	130 31	83 00	746 87	123 55
Kentucky	1,764 95	979 90	629 08	5,105 69	689 21
Little Rock	3,156 72	1,752 64	1,122 25	6,805 34	250 00
Louisiana	2,151 14	1,194 33	764 68	7,886 02	517 53
Louisville	3,050 55	1,693 68	1,089 37	3,858 10	550 00
Memphis	2,956 75	1,641 62	1,051 03	8,826 62	1,023 19
Mississippi	1,668 33	926 28	593 05	7,360 12	1,687 23
Missouri	1,633 72	907 06	580 82	3,372 60	294 25
New Mexico	1,154 56	641 03	410 41	4,137 94	81 52
North Alabama	4,497 54	2,497 11	1,598 42	11,105 76	1,222 27
North Arkansas	2,307 88	1,281 36	820 48	6,287 77	357 23
North Carolina	3,730 20	2,071 04	1,326 00	3,223 94	937 61
North Georgia	5,026 75	2,790 90	1,787 08	6,760 59	1,422 00
North Mississippi	1,343 24	745 78	478 92	4,151 05	413 25
North Texas	3,190 99	1,771 67	1,134 44	1,351 10	723 53
Northwest	172 50	95 77	61 32	874 00	130 48
Northwest Texas	1,785 46	991 29	634 75	5,179 19	444 15
Oklahoma	2,580 22	1,432 56	917 27	7,197 75	.....
Pacific	1,160 63	644 39	412 58	4,257 05	766 85
St. Louis	2,259 02	1,254 23	803 11	1,495 64	620 00
South Carolina	1,898 13	1,053 87	675 00	6,132 89	473 68
South Georgia	4,410 08	2,448 52	1,686 40	8,677 15	709 26
Southwest Missouri	1,737 89	964 90	617 86	2,100 42	753 97
Tennessee	4,179 00	2,320 23	1,485 54	5,531 72	378 51
Texas	5,716 27	3,173 73	2,032 00	6,059 28	573 26
Upper South Carolina	2,640 11	1,465 84	938 00	4,922 10	1,055 44
Virginia	6,428 89	3,569 39	2,285 32	27,413 67	1,940 23
West Oklahoma	.....	.....	.....	.....	477 09
West Texas	2,929 90	1,626 71	1,041 50	7,239 35	141 50
Western North Carolina	7,207 67	4,001 78	2,562 16	7,858 47	848 90
Western Virginia	1,643 86	912 69	584 42	3,593 73	.....
Western Mexico	29 84	16 56	10 60	.....	.....
Totals	$ 103,451 49	$ 57,437 27	$ 36,860 98	$ 220,259 64	$ 25,921 63

Budget Appropriations and Expenditures for Year Ended March 31, 1932

Locah Church	Appropriated	Expended	Over Expended	Under Expended
General and Administrative	$ 23,750 00	$ 19,210 62	.....	$ 4,539 38
Leadership Training	63,470 00	48,693 98	.....	14,776 02
School Administration	8,680 00	7,730 85	.....	949 15
Children	21,070 00	18,273 25	.....	2,796 75
Young People	31,500 00	25,433 34	.....	6,066 66
Adult	11,050 00	10,952 99	.....	97 01
Foreign Extension	2,900 00	386 23	.....	2,513 77
Extension and Missionary Education	25,180 00	25,076 37	.....	103 63
Inter-Department	29,711 00	25,011 96	.....	4,699 04
Total	$ 217,311 00	$ 180,769 59	.....	$36,541 41
Net Underexpended	.....	36,541 41	$36,541 41	.....
Total	$ 217,311 00	$ 217,311 00	$36,541 41	$36,541 41
Schools and Colleges				
General and Administrative	$ 28,350 00	$ 25,724 62	.....	$ 2,625 38
Education and Promotion	45,750 00	42,471 64	.....	3,278 36
Inter-Department	10,989 00	9,224 83	.....	1,764 17
Total	$ 85,089 00	$ 77,421 09	.....	$ 7,667 91
Net Underexpended	.....	7,667 91	$ 7,667 91	.....
Total	$ 85,089 00	$ 85,089 00	$ 7,667 91	$ 7,667 91

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

THE General Board of Christian Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held its annual meeting at the Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, Tenn., April 25, 26, 1932. All the sessions were presided over by the president, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, who was ably supported by the efficient recording secretary, Rev. L. H. Estes. All members of the Board were present except Bishop Paul B. Kern, Mrs. J. H. Spilman, Mr. T. W. Holloman, Mrs. J. H. McEachern, Mrs. H. S. Shangle, Dr. M. A. Beeson, Mr. A. H. Moore, Mrs. W. T. Mathis, Mr. D. H. Hall, Rev. E. E. White, and Mrs. W. A. Newell.

MONDAY MORNING, APRIL, 25

The first session was devoted largely to the presentation of the annual reports of the General Secretary, the three Departmental Secretaries, and the Treasurer. These reports, together with those of the nine Division Directors, are printed in full in this Yearbook and contain much valuable information concerning the organization, the objectives, and the past year's achievements of this new board which has been operating only twenty months.

The following new members were introduced: Dr. R. E. Blackwell, of the Virginia Conference, Rev. J. Emerson Ford, of the South Carolina Conference, and Rev. H. C. Henderson, of the New Mexico Conference.

The Board adjourned with the consideration of Executive Committee's report pending.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 25

No session of the Board was held in the afternoon, the time being given over entirely to the meetings of the three major committees—the Editorial, the Local Church, and the Schools and Colleges. Every member of the Board is a member of one of these committees and it is through these that much of the work of the Board is done at its annual meetings.

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 25

Pursuant to adjournment the Board convened at 8:00 o'clock and resumed consideration of the Executive Committee's report. This committee had met Saturday, April

23, and after giving careful consideration to the matters presented to it by the Executive Staff had prepared a report to the Board consisting of twenty-three recommendations. These recommendations had to do largely with the adoption of a budget for 1932-33, including all appropriations; the election of the members of the General Staff; the confirmation of trustees of Emory University and Southern Methodist University; making provision for a study of the educational legislation of the Church with a view to bringing to the Board at its 1933 meeting definite recommendations as to proposed changes; the appointment of a committee to issue to the Church a statement and appeal for payment of Benevolences and Kingdom Extension Offering so that the work of the Board can be carried on without serious loss in efficiency because of radically reduced income; and the formal approval of a few fiscal matters. The recommendations were considered item by item by the Board and with slight modifications and amendments, were adopted.

The Editorial Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

We heartily commend the management of the Editorial Department and the Editorial Secretary, Dr. C. A. Bowen, and his Staff in the sane and common-sense program they have outlined and carried on. The Committee feels that, after a period of transition, the way has been found. We wish to commend particularly:

1. The introduction of elective courses in the *Adult Student* and the *Church School Magazine*. We feel that this is a wise development to meet a real need in the educational program of our Church.

2. The placing of the *Epworth Highroad* in the schools of our own connection, as well as in private, state-controlled, and other denominational schools attended by Methodist young people. It is a tribute to this magazine that it should have been requested by so many institutions other than Methodist. The *Epworth Highroad* is generally conceded to be the finest piece of religious journalism for young people in America.

3. The Publishing Agents for their policy of omitting all inappropriate advertising from our publications.

We should like to report to the General Board that it is the conviction of the Editorial Committee that no radical changes be made in our publications during this quadrennium, in order that the workers in the local churches may become thoroughly familiar with the plans which are now being carried out in the publication of our periodicals.

We refer to the General Board for action the following:

1. We recommend that this Board concur with the Book Committee in the authorization of the production of the Cokesbury Training Course Textbooks in a paper-bound edition of 25,000 words to retail at thirty-five cents a copy.

2. We recommend approval by the General Board of the preparation of the necessary materials for the Sesquicentennial of Methodism, such as a source book on Methodist history, elective courses on Methodist doctrine and history, pageants, dramatic programs, fiction, and hymns.

Tuesday Morning, April 26

The Board convened at 9:00 o'clock.

The chair announced the appointment of the following from this Board to serve on a Joint Advisory Committee on Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly: William F. Quillian, J. Emerson Ford, Mrs. W. A. Newell, this committee having been created upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Report of the Committee on Schools and Colleges

The report of this committee was by common consent adopted item by item and then as a whole. The eight items of this report are:

1. The revised statement for a Department of Religion in a standard four-year college was discussed at considerable length and after several amendments had been proposed and accepted, it was voted that with the changes agreed to, this statement be used as a working basis for the present and that the officers of the college section of the General Council of Christian Education be requested to bring this matter forward for consideration at its next annual meeting.

2. The application form for aid in the Department of Religion in a standard four-year college, was, upon motion, returned to the staff of the Department of Schools and Colleges to be revised and brought into harmony with the requirements agreed to in the above item.

3. The statement of the requirements for a Department of Religion in a junior college was given careful consideration and with slight amendments, upon motion, was passed by the committee.

4. Upon motion the application form for a Department of Religion in a junior college was approved.

5. The recommendation that a challenging statement on the financial condition of our colleges be prepared and given to the Church met with an earnest response. After considerable discussion it was moved and carried that Bishop John M. Moore, Dr. J. H. Reynolds, and W. M. Alex-

ander be instructed to prepare such a statement for the Board's indorsement before its final adjournment.

6. It was moved and carried that Dr. J. Q. Schisler, Miss Frances C. McLester, and Rev. J. Fisher Simpson be added to the committee created last year to study the matter of articulating more closely "courses being offered in the Departments of Religion in our colleges with graduate work in our schools of theology, Conference courses of study for young preachers, and certain Leadership Courses offered by the General Board."

7. Certain policies affecting the work of the Wesley Foundation, in the attempt to bring this work more completely into harmony with the united program of the Board, were brought forward for consideration, and upon motion, the approval of the committee was given.

8. *Campus News*, a biweekly four-page clip-sheet of the department, was brought forward for consideration. It was stated that a poll of college presidents had been taken, and while they read and appreciated the bulletin, it was felt that in view of the depleted income of the Board, this service might be discontinued without serious loss. By vote the committee recommended the bulletin's discontinuance.

Report of the Committee on Local Church

The Board adopted the following recommendations of this committee:

1. We recommend that the Board request the staff to continue through the remainder of this quadrennium the special emphasis upon reaching the unreached, and enlisting them in service.

2. We recommend that the Board instruct the general staff acting through the Committee on Curriculum and Program to make a careful study of the educational aspects of local church financing and to bring in recommendations on this matter to the Board one year hence.

3. We recommend that the Board authorize a special committee, made up from the Committee on the Local Church and the Editorial Committee, to make a careful study during the year in co-operation with the Executive Staff and the Publishing Agents of all the problems involved in our relationship to the International Council, and to recommend a policy to the Board at its next annual meeting.

4. That the Local Church Boards of Christian Education in each congregation being the supremely important connecting link in the practical and efficient working out of the unfied plan, it is our earnest request that every proper

effort be made to the end that in every congregation in our connection such Boards be organized at the earliest possible date. And it is not enough merely that such organizations be perfected on paper. Pastors, general superintendents, and chairmen, once this Board is established, must see to it that its members are instructed and encouraged to assume and prosecute the important tasks contemplated in their creation.

5. That the age-group division in the Church Educational Department, as outlined in the new legislation, be earnestly invoked in each congregation. Only thus can the scheme of co-ordination and unity desired be given a fair test in our churches.

6. Convinced that the literature now afforded by our own Editorial Department surpasses in all respects that now available for our purpose from any other source whatsoever, we insistently plead for its use in every congregation in our connection. It is impossible for us to make even an approximation to the unification of our educational work in the local church unless this is done.

7. The carrying forward of our work being so largely dependent upon the offerings made on Sunday School Day, we feel that we cannot too strongly plead for the church-wide observance of this day.

8. We recommend that the staff of the Department of the Local Church, General Board of Christian Education, prepare suggestions for the preachers in charge and the presiding elders in regard to certain minute questions asked at Quarterly Conference (1930 Discipline, paragraph 109); and also in regard to membership in the Quarterly Conference (Discipline, paragraph 97), these suggestions to include the following:

(a) That in the pastor's written report on the general state of the church under items 1 and 2 (Epworth League and Sunday school) he reflect the unified program of Christian education in the local church rather than report on two separate programs.

(b) That at the Quarterly Conference the presiding elder ask if the Local Church Board of Christian Education is organized and functioning, and call for a report from the Local Church Board of Christian Education on the progress of Christian education in the local church in harmony with chapter 13 of the Discipline, using for this report the blank prepared by the Department of the Local Church, General Board of Christian Education.

(c) That at the Quarterly Conference next preceding the first Sunday in October the elective members of the Local Church Board of Christian Education be elected by the

Quarterly Conference to serve for the ensuing year, and that the report of the Local Church Board of Christian Education at this meeting of the Quarterly Conference include the names and addresses of the chairmen of the Board, the superintendents of the Children's Division, the president of the Young People's Division, and the superintendent of the Adult Division.

(d) That in the local church with organized Board of Christian Education the report of that Board covering all phases of Christian education be accepted in lieu of a report from the president of the Senior League, as this report from the Board gives full details as to the young people's work.

(e) That where the Unified Plan of Organization is in effect in the Young People's Division and there is no president of the Senior League as such, that the president of the Young People's Department (who is president when the department meets at Epworth League meeting), hold membership in the Quarterly Conference, under that provision of paragraph 97 ("who shall compose a Quarterly Conference") where the presidents of Senior Epworth Leagues are listed as members.

9. We recommend that the staff of the Department of the Local Church, General Board of Christian Education prepare blank to be filled out by pastors and presented to Conference Board of Christian Education to provide statistics on Christian education omitted from regular blanks.

10. We recommend, further, that the staff of the department of the Local Church, General Board of Christian Education, prepare blanks for the use of presiding elders in summarizing the work of Christian education in their districts, to be transmitted to the Conference Board of Christian Education.

11. We, your special committee on Paragraph 5, page 2, of the tentative schedule, recommend that the Committee on the Local Church interpret the meaning of the phrase "and such other groups," found in line one on page 221 of the Discipline of 1930, to include, in addition to the Woman's Missionary Society, Wesley Bible Classes and the Wesley Brotherhood, such adult groups as members within the Adult Division may organize in accordance with the plans and policies of the General Board of Christian Education and with the approval of the Local Church Board of Christian Education.

We further recommend, in organizing additional adult groups, that duplication of membership be avoided as far as possible.

Memoirs

Just before final adjournment there was held a short

memorial service for those associated with the Board who had died during the year. The special Committee on Memoirs presented its report which was adopted, as follows:

Report of the Committee on Memoirs

Your Committee on Memoirs records with sorrow the passing of three noble men, choice Christian characters, and worthy leaders: the Rev. D. M. McLeod, D.D., a member of this Board; the Rev. Charles D. Bulla, D.D., one of the editors of our publications; and the Rev. Fennell P. Turner, D.D., a former member of the staff of the General Sunday School Board.

D. Melvin McLeod, D.D.

The Rev. D. M. McLeod, D.D., was born at Lynchburg, S. C., October 1, 1866. He died at Florence, S. C., December 8, 1931.

Dr. McLeod was one of the most prominent and best loved members of the South Carolina Conference. A man of independent thought and action, of broad sympathies and wise judgment, he commanded the respect of all who knew him. His great usefulness was felt, not only within the bounds of his own conference, but throughout the Church. In his passing Methodism has lost a strong leader and a worthy disciple of our Lord.

The sphere of Dr. McLeod's ministry included the pastorate, the presiding eldership, many special duties on boards and committees, and membership in four General Conferences. Until just before his death he was pastor of Central Church, Florence, S. C., and chairman of the Conference Board of Missions. He was for many years a member of the Board of Trustees of Wofford College and one of the members of the first General Board of Christian Education.

We pause to honor his memory and we cherish the blessings of his true Christian character and career.

Charles D. Bulla, D.D.

Dr. Charles D. Bulla, whose death occurred on February 2, 1932, at his home at Nashville, Tenn., by his devoted life and unselfish labors brought his day and generation nearer to the ideal of the kingdom of heaven.

Dr. Bulla rendered conspicuous service for twenty years in connection with the program of Christian education in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and distinguished himself as a far-sighted, diligent, and devoted leader. In his work as a Sunday school field worker, as a

pioneer Southern Methodist in the far West, as the first leader of the Adult Wesley Bible Class Movement, and as editor of Church school publications, he won hundreds of friends by his winsome and radiant life.

His long and devoted service merits the highest praise. Any church is to be congratulated which can enlist the whole-hearted loyalty of so noble a soul.

It is with genuine sorrow that we face the fact that Charles DeHaven Bulla walks no longer with us. It is with submission to the divine will and appreciation of his Christian character and noble achievements that we record this expression of the General Board of Christian Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Fennell Parrish Turner, D.D.

Fennell Parrish Turner, whose death on Febraury 9, 1932, at Santa Cruz, California, deprived the world of one of its choice spirits—was a man of world-embracing circle of friendships whose service to his day and generation was expressed through many channels and in the far places of the earth.

Prior to his connection with the Sunday School Board as secretary of Missionary Education and Foreign Sunday School Extension, from May 1, 1928, until 1930, when the Sunday school, Epworth League, and Education Boards were merged to make the Board of Christian Education, Dr. Turner for more than thirty years was closely identified with missionary matters of an international character.

These contacts, together with his gift for organization and detail, his scientific study of world situations, his intimate knowledge of problems in the non-Christian world, his deep and sympathetic understanding of youth, and his clear thinking and sober judgment, made Fennell P. Turner the logical choice of the Sunday School Board when the need arose for a man of vision and thought to interpret missionary education in a period marked by self-consciousness on the part of the native church that expressed itself in a growing desire for help from the home church but with a new relationship. The fruit of his loyal and efficient service is a heritage the Board of Christian Education rejoices to acknowledge.

Whether as a member of the staff in the field of religious education, or in discharging his duty in the wider ranges of missionary diplomacy, Fennell Parrish Turner rendered a distinctive and valuable service to his church and the world. This Board honors his memory and appreciates his worth.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CREDITS AWARDED BY CONFERENCES, 1931

This table indicates in only a measure the degree in which the training program is reaching the Church. The real results are to be sought in changed attitudes among workers, increased consecration, and improved methods in the work of Christian Education.

CONFERENCE	STANDARD	COKESBURY	ADVANCED	EXCHANGE	TOTAL
Alabama	716	190	....	.....	906
Arizona	65	175	....	1	241
Baltimore	1,600	.....	....	133	1,733
Central Texas	2,120	115	....	2	2,237
Cuba	218	.....	....	.....	218
Florida	815	198	....	267	1,280
Holston	1,320	556	3	60	1,939
Illinois	20	9	....	8	37
Indian Mission	1	7	....	.....	8
Japan	5	.....	....	.....	5
Kentucky	325	155	....	34	514
Korea	3	.....	....	.....	3
Little Rock	1,144	81	....	.....	1,225
Louisiana	296	215	....	1	512
Louisville	510	98	1	13	622
Memphis	745	43	....	1	789
Mississippi	809	299	3	.....	1,111
Missouri	213	35	....	11	259
New Mexico	499	424	....	1	924
North Alabama	1,940	265	....	165	2,370
North Arkansas	1,715	841	....	1	2,557
North Carolina	1,096	965	....	.....	2,061
North Georgia	1,231	531	2	.....	1,764
North Mississippi	840	644	....	9	1,493
North Texas	1,777	206	....	16	1,999
Northwest	50	3	....	2	55
Northwest Texas	1,439	162	....	1	1,602
Oklahoma	770	407	....	246	1,423
Pacific	121	6	....	40	167
St. Louis	430	39	....	9	478
South Carolina	842	163	....	.....	1,005
South Georgia	2,093	744	1	.....	2,838
Southwest Missouri	424	239	....	80	743
Tennessee	1,725	456	1	1	2,183
Texas	1,414	132	....	48	1,594
Texas Mexican Mission	2	11	....	.....	13
Upper South Carolina	819	267	1	.....	1,087
Virginia	3,040	9	4	22	3,075
Western Mexican Mission	29	34	....	.....	63
Western North Carolina	2,080	2,305	1	8	4,394
West Texas	2,292	831	1	11	3,135
West Virginia	342	255	....	241	838
Irregular	877	.....	....	3	880
Total	38,812	12,115	18	1,435	52,380

STANDARD TRAINING SCHOOLS BY CONFERENCES, 1931

CONFERENCE	NUMBER SCHOOLS	NUMBER ENROLLED	NUMBER CREDITS	NUMBER COURSES	G. B. INSTS.	TOTAL COST
Alabama	6	365	222	22	6	$ 898
Baltimore	22	1,570	800	81	9	2,181
Central Texas	20	1,735	1,353	88	9	1,903
Cuba	2	291	189	10	...	.....
Florida	2	245	169	9	2	464
Holston	15	1,105	890	56	7	2,583
Kentucky	1	50	37	4	1	170
Little Rock	8	1,044	792	41	7	1,215
Louisiana	3	222	151	11	4	501
Louisville	6	325	276	22	6	1,128
Memphis	6	479	355	29	6	1,445
Mississippi	10	431	353	43	6	1,438
Missouri	2	178	59	7	2	203
New Mexico	5	260	236	15	1	375
North Alabama	6	423	349	24	5	725
North Arkansas	18	1,314	1,026	75	8	1,809
North Carolina	3	192	130	13	5	260
North Georgia	15	1,120	741	51	7	1,497
North Mississippi	9	432	370	31	7	1,159
North Texas	14	1,410	1,073	63	7	2,276
Northwest	1	66	31	2	1	265
Northwest Texas	14	883	602	55	6	1,117
Oklahoma	4	543	254	20	4	1,193
Pacific	1	40	31	5	1	83
St. Louis	13	644	357	46	7	1,603
South Carolina	12	626	459	38	6	1,281
South Georgia	15	1,110	823	60	8	1,521
Southwest Missouri	5	435	310	18	5	752
Tennessee	16	1,338	879	60	11	2,223
Texas	13	944	750	51	6	1,874
Upper South Carolina	5	652	535	23	7	1,499
Virginia	23	2,749	2,220	113	9	6,717
Western North Carolina	14	1,575	1,338	64	5	3,011
West Texas	25	1,693	1,423	99	9	2,616
Western Virginia	3	130	110	11	3	284
Glide Foundation (This school sponsored by the Pacific, Northwest, Arizona, and Western Mexican Mission Conferences.)	1	105	74	2	1	354
Irregular	...	.....	2	.....	...	.....
Total	338	26,724	19,769	1,362	193	$48,642

Total honoraria paid by General Board of Christian Education in Standard Training Schools		$6,754
Total number of instructors furnished in 338 Standard Training Schools by the General Board	193	
Number of instructors furnished by the General Board of Missions	14	
Number of instructors furnished by the Board of Lay Activities	6	
Number of instructors furnished by local and Conference boards	1,149	

Total number of courses offered in Standard Training Schools in 1931. 1,362

In addition to the number of instructors furnished in Standard Training Schools, the General Board furnished nine instructors in Standard Training Classes, four in International Schools, and the honorarium for one instructor in a Young People's Training Conference for which a cash honorarium was paid.

Amount expended in Standard Training Classes	$ 407
Amount expended in International Schools	150
Amount expended in Young People's Conference	50
Total	$ 607
Total amount expended for training work	$7,361
Total number of instructors furnished in Standard Training Classes and International Schools	

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRAINING CONFERENCES, 1931

CONFERENCE	NUMBER CONFS.	NUMBER ENROLLED	NUMBER CREDITS	NUMBER COURSES	G. B. INSTS.	TOTAL COST
Central Texas	1	78	57	4	...	$ 47 10
Little Rock	1	151	129	3	2	43 37
Mississippi	1	45	32	4	1	100 92
North Arkansas	1	65	45	3	...	152 14
Oklahoma*	1	....	...	...	1	.....
South Georgia	3	260	197	16	4	97 94
Tennessee	1	82	63	3	...	241 96
Virginia	1	52	29	3	...	94 75
Total	10	733	552	36	8	$778 18

*Enrolment and credits of the Young People's Training Conference in Oklahoma not given because report of the Conference not received.

CREDIT AWARDED TO COLLEGE STUDENTS, 1931

These are awarded to students who request the evaluation of certain of their college courses in terms of parallel standard courses. The General Board of Christian Education is most sympathetic with the efforts of the colleges to aid their students in preparing for service in local churches. This table simply gives a summary of the work in figures; the real effect is to be found in the lives of the students as they take their places of service in the Church.

COLLEGE	BIBLE	R. E.	MISS.	TOTAL
Andrew College	75	221	...	296
Asbury College	53	236	...	289
Asheville Normal School	1	.....	...	1
Austin College	.....	1	...	1
Baylor University	1	.....	...	1
Birmingham Southern College	1,345	18	...	1,363
Blackstone College	42	17	...	59
Boston University	4	4	1	9
Central College	.....	2	...	2
Clarendon College	1	4	...	5
Columbia College	.....	227	...	227
Duke University	2,288	77	2	2,367
East Texas State Teachers College	2	.....	...	2
Effie Edington School	.....	6	...	6
Emory Junior College	30	.....	...	30
Emory University	128	122	18	268
Fayette College	.....	2	...	2
Galloway College	59	9	20	88
Grenada College	194	77	17	288
Hartford School of Religious Education	12	.....	1	13
Henderson-Brown	2	2	...	4
Hendrix-Henderson	116	33	10	159
Hiwassee College	54	23	...	77
Junaluska Summer School	52	.....	...	52

COLLEGE	BIBLE	R. E.	MISS.	T
Junaluska School of Religion	23	10	2	
Kentucky Wesleyan College	85	127	...	
Kidd-Key College	38	.....	...	
Lambuth College	223	11	...	
Limestone College	.....	12	...	
Lindenwood College	3	.....	...	
Logan College	4	Y.P.20	...	
Lon Morris College	85	299	...	
Louisburg College	.....	12	...	
Lydia Patterson	3	11	...	
McMurry College	213	29	5	
Martin College	138	153	...	
Mary Baldwin College	13	.....	...	
Mercer University	1	4	...	
Millsaps College	87	59	...	
Morris Harvey College	33	23	4	
Murray State Normal and Teachers College	.....	4	...	
North Texas State Teachers College	.....	5	...	
Northwestern University	2	2	...	
Panhandle A. and M. College	49	12	...	
Peabody College	6	16	...	
Oklahoma City University	14	6	2	
Randolph-Macon Woman's College	126	66	...	
Reinhardt College	120	.....	...	
Scarritt College	37	12	2	
Simmons University	11	3	...	
Southeastern Teachers College, Durant, Ohio	22	1	...	
Southern College	65	35	1	
Southern College of Y. M. C. A.	6	9	1	
Southern Methodist University	200	49	18	
Southwest Texas State Teachers College	12	13	...	
Southwestern University	80	10	1	
Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College	6	12	...	
Texas Christian University	5	2	...	
Texas Technological School	59	9	...	
Texas State College for Women	.....	4	...	
Texas Woman's College	23	16	1	
Trinity University	.....	5	...	
University of Alabama	.....	24	32	
University of Florida	.....	2	...	
University of Georgia	.....	1	...	
University of Oklahoma	.....	5	...	
University of Texas	144	9	...	
University of Virginia	1	.....	...	
Vanderbilt University	40	26	17	
George Washington University	.....	4	...	
Weaver College	100	10	...	
Wesley College	22	199	...	
Wesleyan College	28	139	...	
Westmoorland College	35	112	...	
Whitworth College	151	48	...	
William and Mary College	1	2	...	
Wofford College	1	.....	...	
Woman's College of Alabama	469	57	1	
West Virginia Wesleyan	1	.....	...	
Yale University	11	14	2	
Total	7,255	2,794	158	10,

RECORD OF CREDITS IN STANDARD COURSES AWARDED ON PAPERS SENT TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE, 1931

The correspondence methods have been of much value in helping local Church workers to understand their tasks. These figures are indicative of the wide use of correspondence work.

CONFERENCE	EXAMINATION	S. T. CLASSES	SUPERVISED STUDY	OFFICE CREDIT	TOTAL
Alabama	30	.....	...	4	34
Arizona	29	9	1	3	42
Baltimore	79	149	5	18	251
Central Texas	335	101	16	26	478
Cuba	21	.....	2	...	23
Florida	46	215	9	7	277
Holston	64	14	2	17	97
Indian Mission	1	.....	...	...	1
Kentucky	6	.....	2	1	9
Little Rock	12	90	1	11	114
Louisiana	62	.....	1	6	69
Louisville	6	69	1	6	82
Memphis	21	23	3	4	51
Mississippi	18	78	3	8	107
Missouri	46	26	2	5	79
New Mexico	126	97	5	12	240
North Alabama	114	.....	16	1	131
North Arkansas	100	5	2	15	122
North Carolina	42	.....	2	4	48
North Georgia	89	.....	2	9	100
North Mississippi	41	46	2	5	94
North Texas	184	32	8	19	243
Northwest Texas	221	109	12	7	349
Oklahoma	193	36	9	18	256
Pacific	23	.....	...	...	23
St. Louis	20	31	...	5	56
South Carolina	55	.....	...	8	63
South Georgia	86	199	4	15	304
Southwest Missouri	33	39	4	9	85
Tennessee	138	132	5	18	293
Texas	106	8	7	6	127
Upper South Carolina	18	21	4	8	51
Virginia	361	77	3	34	475
Western Mexican Mission	8	1	1	...	10
Western North Carolina	66	29	3	14	112
West Texas	295	97	15	20	427
West Virginia	35	23	2	1	61
Total	3,130	1,756	154	344	5,384

LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS, 1931
STANDARD COURSES

MOUNT SEQUOYAH (Six Weeks)

	TOTAL ENROLMENT	TOTAL CREDIT STUDENTS	TOTAL CREDITS	GOLD SEALS
First Term (Co-operation in School of Missions)	61	37	63	..
Second Term	178	132	228	4
Third Term, Young People's Conference	134	92	159	..
Total	373	261	450	4

LAKE JUNALUSKA (Six Weeks)

First Term (Co-operation in School of Missions)	94	40	68	..
Second Term	217	141	211	2
Third Term, Young People's Conference	215	148	264	..
Total	526	329	543	2
Total, both schools	899	590	993	6
Total Number Standard Credits (Lake Junaluska and Mount Sequoyah)				99

ADVANCED COURSES (Twenty-four Hours)

Mount Sequoyah	..
Lake Junaluska	1
Total Credits, Advanced Course	1
Total Credits, All Courses	1,01
Total Credits Counted as Standard Credits	1,02

CREDITS ISSUED IN PASTORS' SCHOOLS, 1931

Arizona Assembly	Pinal Summit, Ariz	1
Arkansas	Conway, Ark	20
Baltimore	Front Royal, Va	33
Florida	Lakeland, Fla	15
Georgia	Macon, Ga	42
Holston	Emory, Va	14
Ky.–Ill.–Louisville–W. Va	Winchester, Ky	12
Memphis	Jackson, Tenn	3
Missouri	Fayette, Mo	6
North Carolina	Durham, N. C	29
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City, Okla	16
South Carolina	Columbia, S. C	22
Southwestern	Georgetown, Tex	11
Tennessee	Pulaski, Tenn	5
Texas-New Mexico	Dallas, Tex	16
Virginia*	Lynchburg, Va	3
16 Schools		2,54

*Held in connection with Conference-wide training school.

MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS, 1931

These awards represent progress students are making in their studies, and are indicative of the changes being made in ideas about Christian education. One of the interesting items is found in the number of duplicate credits issued. Numbers of students are now taking the same courses for the second time in order to have the benefit of new viewpoints as the educational program is developing. This is a good sign of progress.

CONFERENCE	DUPS.	DIPS.	B. S.	G. S.	B. DIP.	R. S.	MISS. DIP.	DIP. C. E.	L. DIP.
Alabama	6	8	8	5	..	..	..	..	..
Arizona	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Baltimore	12	36	23	6	..	..	..	..	..
Central Texas	34	33	33	16	..	..	..	..	..
Cuba	5	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Florida	12	20	16	7	2	..	1	1	..
Holston	14	18	9	6	3	1	..	..	..
Kentucky	3	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
Little Rock	29	15	11	7	..	..	..	..	..
Louisiana	4	2	3	2	1	..	..	..	..
Louisville	5	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Memphis	7	14	10	6	..	..	..	..	..
Mississippi	18	19	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Missouri	2	4	3	2	1	..	..	..	..
New Mexico	7	7	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
North Alabama	17	25	11	10	..	..	..	1	..
North Arkansas	25	11	7	6	2	2	1	1	..
North Carolina	15	11	7	3	..	..	..	..	..
North Georgia	27	20	6	5	2	2	..	..	..
North Mississippi	9	13	6	3	..	..	..	..	..
North Texas	21	47	21	14	5	2	..	..	1
Northwest	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Northwest Texas	4	20	16	..	3	1	..	..	..
Oklahoma	21	5	6	6	1	1	..	..	..
Pacific	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Louis	3	3	1	3	1	1	..	..	..
South Carolina	11	15	10	1	1	1	..	..	..
South Georgia	14	38	30	5	6	2	1	..	..
Southwest Missouri	11	10	5	2	..	..	1	..	..
Tennessee	22	34	14	13	5	4	..	..	..
Texas	12	42	17	7	..	..	..	..	..
Upper South Carolina	31	7	6	2	..	..	..	..	..
Virginia	40	33	38	23	..	..	..	..	..
Western Mexican Mission	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Western North Carolina	37	18	9	5	..	..	..	..	..
West Texas	22	41	34	22	6	3	..	..	..
West Virginia	7	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Irregular	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	512	593	376	193	39	20	4	3	1

The Symbols: Dups., duplicates; Dip., diplomas; B. S., blue seal; G. S., gold seal; B. Dip., Bible diploma; R. S., red seal for completing 12 Bible units; Miss. Dip., Missions diploma; Dip. C. E., diploma of Christian Education; L. Dip., diploma for Layman's Course.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Conference	Number of Organized Churches		Number of Sunday Schools		Number of Officers and Teachers		Number on Cradle Roll		Number in Home Department		Total Enrolment		No. S. S. Pupils Received into Church	
	1930	1931	1930	1931	1930	1931	1930	1931	1930	1931	1930	1931	1930	1931
Alabama	702	683	486	489	4,760	4,863	2,048	1,825	2,132	1,971	46,276	46,681	1,956	2,235
Arizona	37	32	38	35	454	438	324	250	327	126	5,036	4,823	226	273
Baltimore	647	627	555	550	7,199	6,460	6,125	6,035	4,615	4,365	79,851	79,067	2,859	2,377
Central Texas	493	490	409	424	6,068	6,076	3,493	2,982	2,263	2,138	65,429	67,717	2,815	3,014
Florida	447	397	380	373	5,557	5,523	3,823	3,133	2,566	2,076	56,150	56,133	2,078	2,732
Holston	867	814	767	761	7,243	7,477	4,770	4,727	2,213	1,979	99,397	103,352	3,041	4,312
Illinois	83	85	78	74	719	689	543	442	117	152	5,959	5,853	234	278
Kentucky	289	279	234	257	2,384	2,449	1,674	1,516	704	574	25,405	26,450	902	1,044
Little Rock	414	422	325	346	4,041	4,005	2,554	2,133	1,586	1,052	43,948	41,437	1,677	1,819
Louisiana	395	400	311	311	3,769	3,663	2,474	2,252	2,048	1,442	39,484	39,483	1,559	1,388
Louisville	533	533	416	409	3,774	3,650	1,682	1,634	811	1,376	39,840	40,866	1,942	1,571
Memphis	573	561	516	503	5,468	5,417	2,005	1,823	1,885	1,685	62,345	59,985	2,600	2,804
Mississippi	529	529	393	400	3,977	3,971	1,947	1,815	1,659	1,195	41,912	40,815	1,634	1,449
Missouri	353	346	295	295	3,392	3,326	2,322	2,043	1,468	1,294	31,593	31,871	880	1,249
New Mexico	146	146	96	102	1,435	1,387	1,140	1,203	1,032	819	15,153	14,624	513	574
North Alabama	794	769	679	687	7,847	9,001	3,326	3,178	3,652	2,336	83,278	86,319	3,381	4,303
North Arkansas	530	526	454	465	5,264	5,287	2,995	2,395	1,894	1,152	54,090	56,284	2,759	2,389
North Carolina	730	733	680	671	7,717	7,614	4,838	3,846	2,793	2,284	93,293	89,824	3,288	2,989
North Georgia	814	807	687	705	8,122	8,117	4,767	4,196	3,323	3,388	94,842	95,742	3,355	3,637
North Mississippi	576	570	442	453	4,051	4,211	1,636	1,495	1,327	911	42,876	41,700	1,697	1,416
North Texas	437	414	399	391	5,455	5,605	3,297	2,969	1,919	1,636	64,988	67,666	2,922	3,379
Northwest	45	48	41	43	431	395	400	344	123	84	4,390	4,067	58	125
Northwest Texas	412	424	293	× 327	4,364	4,617	2,923	2,991	1,330	896	48,709	51,434	2,671	2,862
Oklahoma	417	413	342	362	5,079	5,474	3,674	3,198	1,188	960	59,552	60,759	2,481	3,326
Pacific	86	81	91	83	1,410	1,373	1,180	1,336	700	620	15,879	15,151	603	582
South Carolina	407	410	358	366	4,180	4,112	2,890	2,285	1,340	972	44,490	43,881	1,633	1,634
South Georgia	728	710	551	565	6,071	6,170	2,742	2,412	1,663	1,700	61,688	63,842	2 609	2,829
Southwest Missouri	267	271	248	255	3,054	2,908	2,046	1,614	821	831	31,843	31,729	1,169	1,557
St. Louis	283	262	239	228	3,110	3,007	2,147	1,763	739	713	36,759	34,939	1,995	1,437
Tennessee	633	636	562	559	5,640	5,509	2,311	2,044	1,710	1,287	60,572	58,776	2,508	2,253
Texas	645	519	498	506	5,955	6,192	2,982	3,039	1,511	1,570	66,350	70,229	2,980	3,549
Upper South Carolina	406	402	369	368	4,933	4,880	3,960	3,722	1,985	1,936	57,331	57,802	2,221	2,567
Virginia	819	809	784	784	11,541	11,341	8,761	7,735	7,081	6,581	127,500	122,915	4,885	3,824
West Texas	307	293	245	255	4,330	4,342	3,294	2,722	1,681	1,669	40,137	41,695	1,723	1,429
Western North Carolina	880	880	826	833	9,536	9,682	7,135	6,527	4,273	4,128	138,908	135,400	5,014	4,815
Western Virginia	462	494	409	426	4,025	4,081	2,513	2,371	821	641	42,647	45,601	1,355	2,442
Total	17,186	16,815	14,489	14,658	172,365	173,312	106,741	95,995	67,300	58,539	1,927,900	1,934,912	76,223	80,463

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Conference	Amount Raised for Missions		Sunday School Day Offering		For Other Objects		Aggregate for All Purposes	
	1930	1931	1930	1931	1930	1931	1930	1931
Alabama	$ 8,068	$ 7,541	$ 2,139	$ 1,818	$ 62,025	$ 55,733	$ 72,232	$ 65,092
Arizona	1,391	1,365	297	329	7,772	6,844	9,460	8,524
Baltimore	47,070	47,909	3,320	3,254	109,169	104,694	162,897	158,917
Central Texas	9,408	7,815	1,385	1,224	100,583	83,022	111,222	93,200
Florida	18,546	21,762	2,625	2,579	103,527	131,994	124,610	157,482
Holston	14,392	13,391	1,608	849	104,828	110,495	120,828	124,914
Illinois	1,057	893	45	49	5,780	5,564	7,440	6,774
Kentucky	6,479	4,931	1,057	1,252	29,861	30,439	39,350	36,843
Little Rock	10,549	7,172	5,136	4,638	49,046	47,579	64,731	59,389
Louisiana	10,836	8,218	1,546	1,291	90,852	72,878	110,454	83,296
Louisville	6,761	7,832	1,410	1,450	49,049	50,483	59,645	58,505
Memphis	12,009	10,150	4,126	3,581	90,710	76,554	107,603	87,275
Mississippi	9,967	8,493	2,018	1,511	51,177	44,992	63,162	55,407
Missouri	5,205	3,258	1,303	840	39,136	37,888	46,474	42,143
New Mexico	4,304	3,761	900	603	23,943	20,685	29,925	25,161
North Alabama	14,861	12,022	2,576	1,769	122,621	110,783	143,386	136,467
North Arkansas	7,975	6,749	4,320	3,615	62,337	53,594	74,632	61,822
North Carolina	6,780	5,424	877	1,061	134,503	106,331	142,160	113,657
North Georgia	18,866	14,087	2,026	1,325	129,374	119,303	152,978	138,900
North Mississippi	6,343	4,825	1,307	1,254	49,913	42,466	57,563	49,397
North Texas	9,569	9,761	1,572	1,320	98,895	96,468	110,036	107,549
Northwest	1,025	869	38	46	4,202	3,974	5,408	4,831
Northwest Texas	8,240	5,039	1,352	1,038	70,106	62,941	80,923	70,758
Oklahoma	8,839	8,252	789	763	64,822	67,212	81,887	80,754
Pacific	5,384	3,703	405	432	21,891	18,820	27,804	22,080
South Carolina	6,762	6,987	3,166	2,804	59,885	53,964	76,153	63,658
South Georgia	13,353	11,537	1,775	1,156	87,013	83,082	103,086	96,069
Southwest Missouri	5,917	5,565	752	650	41,987	39,784	52,056	45,837
St. Louis	4,316	3,400	1,276	805	51,309	46,786	56,901	50,991
Tennessee	8,438	7,323	3,209	2,614	60,189	61,828	71,836	71,970
Texas	11,042	9,602	1,770	1,600	103,362	99,380	116,174	110,818
Upper South Carolina	6,226	4,885	5,646	6,683	78,165	70,258	91,562	79,616
Virginia	39,166	35,830	5,751	5,242	218,603	210,740	263,520	251,803
West Texas	8,981	8,095	2,809	2,310	71,065	73,026	84,874	84,272
Western North Carolina	17,103	12,473	3,066	2,366	167,816	155,970	187,385	170,809
Western Virginia	7,853	6,718	1,194	951	62,889	60,071	71,936	65,649
Total	$383,081	$337,637	$74,591	$65,072	$2,678,405	$2,516,625	$3,185,993	$2,940,629

EPWORTH LEAGUE STATISTICS

Conference	Number of Leagues		Number of Members		Raised for Missions		Raised on Anniversary Day		Raised for Other Objects		Total Amount Raised	
	1930	1931	1930	1931	1930	1931	1930	1931	1930	1931	1930	1931
Alabama	254	274	6,962	7,704	$ 992	$ 917	$ 270	$ 197	$ 5,049	$ 4,159	$ 6,311	$ 5,273
Arizona	40	34	865	804	437	471	24	27	2,175	1,564	2,636	2,111
Baltimore	311	293	10,642	9,007	5,331	5,221	580	463	17,693	15,953	24,113	20,766
Central Texas	301	274	7,565	7,492	3,874	2,825	649	542	7,535	7,179	12,134	10,505
Florida	393	367	9,456	9,355	4,936	4,786	724	542	16,358	17,746	22,018	22,895
Holston	397	405	12,239	12,394	3,277	2,667	460	328	14,436	14,371	18,173	17,379
Illinois	22	18	696	608	236	178	70	3	472	410	856	754
Kentucky	108	110	3,404	3,389	1,576	1,334	172	111	2,383	2,644	3,993	4,049
Little Rock	205	242	5,408	6,937	2,221	2,003	1,037	911	4,639	3,647	7,897	6,561
Louisiana	207	206	5,167	5,129	1,344	1,203	619	555	8,141	6,155	10,114	8,272
Louisville	142	119	4,012	3,097	2,524	2,128	184	72	3,681	4,060	6,657	6,460
Memphis	234	286	6,925	8,616	4,578	3,228	470	310	10,809	9,693	15,283	13,216
Mississippi	244	258	5,222	7,676	2,182	1,760	322	143	4,042	4,186	6,546	6,048
Missouri	102	94	2,619	2,758	891	884	228	105	3,323	5,016	8,120	6,349
New Mexico	72	90	1,672	2,219	624	444	101	110	2,658	2,138	3,354	2,584
North Alabama	518	519	13,465	14,643	3,209	3,897	1,474	946	15,397	15,345	22,115	21,062
North Arkansas	308	328	8,065	9,075	2,131	1,273	310	188	6,678	4,816	9,119	6,143
North Carolina	358	278	9,313	8,427	2,095	2,266	148	138	7,042	6,529	9,285	7,839
North Georgia	464	501	17,188	18,034	3,473	2,768	607	594	16,737	15,743	21,627	19,618
North Mississippi	218	206	5,490	6,261	1,332	1,012	139	131	3,719	3,123	5,190	4,177
North Texas	291	261	7,608	7,443	5,229	3,069	657	368	6,438	5,299	12,324	8,736
Northwest	43	35	871	697	267	190	25	23	772	756	1,113	893
Northwest Texas	318	313	7,533	8,580	2,695	2,145	556	313	7,337	6,564	11,646	9,248
Oklahoma	396	370	8,506	10,324	1,866	1,458	458	225	7,898	6,793	11,273	9,886
Pacific	119	101	2,814	2,467	2,867	3,504	137	131	5,969	5,720	9,053	9,198
South Carolina	167	165	4,839	4,747	940	1,039	266	80	3,206	2,588	5,810	3,570
South Georgia	325	364	9,341	11,110	2,311	2,091	663	288	8,711	8,584	11,794	10,963
Southwest Missouri	142	137	3,646	3,521	2,273	1,843	380	186	6,197	5,431	9,000	8,028
St. Louis	211	190	5,581	5,131	2,482	2,742	123	145	7,804	8,840	10,409	11,727
Tennessee	237	240	6,897	7,353	1,648	1,198	334	268	6,601	6,635	8,543	8,103
Texas	374	365	9,566	9,196	2,681	2,380	630	475	9,519	8,914	12,830	11,781
Upper South Carolina	214	211	5,514	5,772	2,387	1,711	993	1,079	4,508	3,184	7,903	5,799
Virginia	391	367	11,966	11,103	6,030	5,138	1,469	945	16,477	13,301	23,976	19,336
West Texas	232	213	5,403	5,515	3,907	3,366	1,542	1,338	9,219	8,291	14,526	12,932
Western North Carolina	431	417	12,475	11,916	2,366	1,719	298	162	9,133	8,097	11,797	9,978
Western Virginia	139	147	3,926	4,799	1,209	997	419	207	3,798	3,915	5,426	5,135
Total	8,928	8,798	243,861	253,299	$88,421	$75,855	$17,538	$12,649	$266,554	$247,389	$382,964	$337,374

ADDITIONS TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931

Conference	Persons Received into Church on Profession of Faith					Sunday School Pupils Received into Church				
	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
Alabama	3,314	2,967	2,679	3,078	3,542	2,076	1,975	1,715	1,956	2,235
Arizona	255	254	309	364	404	163	182	216	226	273
Baltimore	5,048	3,333	3,041	3,285	3,226	3,561	2,498	2,439	2,859	2,377
Central Texas	4,375	4,413	3,983	3,665	3,947	3,328	3,006	2,937	2,815	3,014
Florida	4,797	4,312	3,134	2,895	3,778	3,293	2,881	2,349	2,078	2,732
Holston	4,839	5,151	4,257	4,652	5,219	3,644	3,856	3,017	3,041	4,312
Illinois	171	372	260	288	400	141	192	241	234	278
Kentucky	1,415	1,360	1,138	1,221	1,176	917	835	698	902	1,044
Little Rock	3,178	2,396	2,309	2,422	2,429	2,402	1,814	1,755	1,677	1,819
Louisiana	3,050	2,453	2,534	1,996	2,324	1,919	1,470	1,728	1,559	1,388
Louisville	2,820	2,533	1,991	3,153	2,697	1,725	1,621	1,466	1,942	1,571
Memphis	3,812	3,466	2,901	3,426	3,508	2,997	2,627	2,129	2,600	2,804
Mississippi	2,865	2,451	2,724	2,527	2,256	1,728	1,376	1,801	1,634	1,449
Missouri	1,881	1,787	1,470	1,040	1,392	1,621	1,605	1,232	880	1,249
New Mexico[1]	931	700	864	930	797	738	495	547	513	574
North Alabama	5,936	5,630	5,483	5,297	6,169	4,163	4,341	3,812	3,381	4,303
North Arkansas	4,404	3,254	3,587	3,744	3,531	3,301	2,390	2,450	2,759	2,389
North Carolina	3,769	4,098	3,722	4,022	3,752	3,033	3,306	2,970	3,288	2,989
North Georgia	5,165	4,791	4,840	4,605	4,823	3,741	3,580	4,343	3,355	3,637
North Mississippi	2,517	2,121	2,527	2,751	2,141	1,564	1,583	1,562	1,697	1,416
North Texas	4,476	3,777	4,040	3,869	4,249	3,564	2,819	2,975	2,922	3,379
Northwest	214	195	199	83	167	152	136	288	58	125
Northwest Texas	3,498	3,728	3,357	3,727	3,880	2,589	2,639	2,498	2,671	2,862
Oklahoma[2]	5,214	4,016	4,138	4,071	4,496	3,426	2,673	2,860	2,481	3,326
Pacific	817	889	808	1,075	873	712	740	609	603	582
South Carolina	2,354	2,055	2,096	2,031	1,682	1,713	1,732	1,684	1,633	1,634
South Georgia	5,405	4,537	4,438	4,313	4,307	2,903	2,745	2,935	2,609	2,829
Southwest Missouri	1,993	1,751	1,373	1,464	1,565	1,605	1,383	1,060	1,169	1,557
St. Louis	2,041	2,815	2,128	2,549	1,980	2,040	1,842	1,467	1,995	1,437
Tennessee	3,265	2,563	2,812	3,578	3,012	2,439	1,925	2,001	2,508	2,253
Texas	5,554	5,491	4,572	4,415	5,872	3,398	3,428	3,068	2,980	3,549
Upper South Carolina	3,520	2,939	3,283	3,216	3,196	2,497	2,158	2,501	2,221	2,567
Virginia	6,368	5,558	5,963	5,889	4,755	4,832	4,068	4,407	4,885	3,824
West Texas	2,656	2,538	2,473	2,306	2,155	2,046	1,785	1,700	1,723	1,429
Western North Carolina	5,645	4,631	5,965	6,239	6,040	4,850	3,987	4,971	5,014	4,815
Western Virginia	2,258	2,059	2,256	1,925	2,713	1,600	1,346	1,799	1,355	2,442
Totals	119,820	107,384	103,654	106,111	108,453	86,421	77,039	76,230	76,223	80,463

[1] The figures for 1927–29 include the Denver and New Mexico Conferences—united by General Conference, May, 1930.

[2] The figures for 1927–1929 include the East and West Oklahoma Conferences—united by General Conference, May, 1930.